The Mapleton Item.

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LOCAL NOTES.

—Next Sunday will be Christmas.

—To-day is the shortest day of the year.

—*The Smart Set* magazine will entertain you.

—Don't fail to see Priscilla Hope at the Old Maids' convention.

—Have you read that very interesting magazine, *The Smart Set*?

—E. E. Neice spent Saturday night with friends in Bellwood.

—Lewis Densler, of Altoona, visited friends in Mapleton Sunday.

—George F. Godard, of Huntingdon, was a visitor to Mapleton Monday.

—Real enjoyment is had when reading that clever magazine, *The Smart Set*.

—Among our recent callers were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Decker, of Hare's valley.

—Mrs. J. G. Gillam and Miss Laura Gillam were visitors to Altoona this week.

—When you want fresh beef, pork or sausage go to C. H. Hooper's meat market.

—I. N. Swope, wife and son Gayton are viewing the sights in Philadelphia this week.

—Miss Mattie O'Connor is home from Williamsport Dickinson seminary for the holiday vacation.

—Go and see Topsy at the Old Maids' convention in M. E. hall Saturday evening, December 31st.

—Edward G. Jones has purchased the Hallman House, Huntingdon, for $8250 and will take possession April 1st next.

—The Pittsburg White Sand company is putting in a seventy-horse power boiler at their pumping station on M. F. Robley's farm.

—For sale—a practically new Connor piano. For further particulars call on or address, Mrs. W. H. Mounts, Mapleton Depot, Pa.

—Old Maids' convention Saturday, December 31, 1904, in the M. E. hall. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Admission: adults, 20 cents, children, 10 cents.

—Emanuel Ramsey and family, of Altoona, stopped with friends in Mapleton Sunday on their return from a trip to Philadelphia and other points east.

—Recitations and special music will be features of the regular preaching service in the M. E. church next Sunday evening. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

—Mrs. Catherine Robertson, who has been spending several months in Altoona, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brumbaugh, on Railroad street.

—Owing to the scarcity of water at Mt. Union, the Harbison-Walker Company are putting in a pumping station and pipe line to supply their works with water from the river.

—Alfred Brumbaugh, who got one of his feet under the wheels of a truck at the Keystone sand works last week, is now able to use the injured member and expects to return to work in a few days.

—Henry Hatfield, of Pittsburg, a Mapleton boy who is chairman of the general committee of Railway Trainmen, stopped to view the scenes of boyhood days last Saturday, while on his way home from Philadelphia.

—A young man named Laurer, employed at the stave mill of Wagner & McClain in Trough Creek valley, had his left hand badly lacerated one day last week while running the barrel saw. His injuries were dressed by Dr. Hamilton, of Cassville.

—Rural Agent E. O. Stouffer has been engaged officially in this place the past couple days. He is to-day engaged in measuring the distance between Mapleton and Knightsville and there is some probability of this being made a rural free delivery route.

—James W. Hays, of Blair county, was on Monday appointed deputy revenue collector of this district to succeed Carl F. Espenschade who resigned several months ago. The appointment of Mr. Hays was made at the instance of Congressman-elect Reynolds, of Bedford.

—Miss Eunice Roland, daughter of our friend George Roland, of Trough Creek valley, last Saturday went to Lock Haven and there met Mr. James Douglas, of Johnsonberg, Elk county. The young couple were united in marriage the same evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Colburn, of Lock Haven. Miss Roland was one of Trough Creek's excellent young women while the man of her choice is employed as a foreman with the Elk Tanning Company at Johnsonberg and bears a good reputation. We extend congratulations and best wishes to the young couple.

—J. Reed McCrum, a well known resident of Shaver's Creek, died suddenly at his home near Charter Oak Thursday, December 8, 1904, aged about 85 years. He is survived by his wife and several childred. Funeral occurred at Mooresville the following Sunday.

—The Beech Run chapel in Hare's valley has been in the hands of painters and decorators during the past week and now presents a fine appearance. The walls and ceiling have been papered, the wood work painted and the aisles and altar place carpeted. The good people of that locality as well as the pastor, Rev. Swayne, deserve to be commended for the spirit manifested.

—F. M. Hooper, of Mount Union, has been placed in charge of the pumping station at Mill Creek. The railroad company has found it necessary to put this plant in service again owing to the scarcity of water along its lines. Engines hauling east bound slow freight trains that do not have sufficient water to take them to Ryde, the next watering station, will take water at Mill Creek.

—Rev. Dr. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has appointed the following committee on permanent certificates for Huntingdon county: Milton B. Wright, Spruce Creek; Sallie L. Livingston, Huntingdon, and Ira W. Swope, Mt. Union. The committee will serve three years. All persons desiring to take the examination next spring should communicate with one of the committee or the county superintendent.

—The Pope Bicycle daily memorandum calendar for 1905 contains a memorandum leaf for every day in the year, and 365 original sayings in favor of good roads, good health, outdoor exercise, and that great vehicle of health-giving, the modern bicycle, by our most eminent living men of marked accomplishment. The calendar is free at Pope Mfg. Co.'s stores or any of our readers can obtain it by sending five 2 cent stamps to Pope Mfg. Co.. Hartford, Conn., or 143 Sigel St., Chicago, Ill.

—Last night a jolly crowd of Mapleton's young people took a drive to Huntingdon to enjoy the good sledding. After spending an hour at the county seat and getting refreshments at Fisher's restaurant they started on their return home. The party was composed of Misses Olive Coder, Mattie Barclay, Georgiana Dell, Pearl Neice, Mattie O'Connor, Esther Brown and Edna Dell, and Messrs. Clarence Coder, Charles W. Swope, Charles O'Connor, Elba Coder, Harry Hooper, Roy O'Connor and Charles Werts.

—Commencing with last Sunday Mapleton was made a flag stop for Main Line Express which arrives at this station at 5.31 p. m. For a long time efforts have been made to secure better evening service at this station but heretofore they have been without avail. On the 6th inst., Mr. C. W. Phillips, of the Pittsburg White Sand Company, made a strong plea for this service and in response the favor was granted. This is certainly a great convenience and the company will find the train will be liberally patronized.

—Any of our readers who can do so should visit the mammoth store of William Reed & Sons, Huntingdon, this week. "Toy Land," the exterior of which represents an European castle, is filled with a great variety of articles from Santa Claus' workshop. An air of Christmas prevades the entire establishment and wherever you turn beautiful articles for gifts or souvenirs meet your gaze. An object that attracts the eye as soon as you enter is a full-rigged sloop, occupying the centre of the first floor. The designer was Mr. Arthur Reed and the ship and rigging consists of handkerchiefs.

—James D. Norton died at his home in Altoona, Saturday morning, December 17, 1904, of neuralgia of the heart. with which he had been a sufferer for the past nine month. Deceased was born in Wayne township, Mifflin county, February 19, 1836. He formerly resided in Newton Hamilton but had been a resident of Altoona for the past twenty-four years. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served in the Forty-ninth regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, Grand Army of the Redublic, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and five children, and three brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Haffley, of Orbisonia, being one of the latter.

Philip Fisher.

Philip Fisher, aged 73 years, died Saturday, December 17, 1904, in Newport, Tennessee. Mr. Fisher was a native of Bedford county but most of his life was spent in this county, he having been a resident of Saltillo until a few years ago. He was a tanner by trade and from youth made a careful study of the business and was a trusted employee of Leas & McVitty and subsequently of their successors, C. Greene & Sons. He was a conscientious workman and brought his sons up to the business, teaching them the value of accurate knowledge and faithful performance of duty. This teaching has borne fruit as is evidenced by the positions held by his sons. John W. is superintendent of the southern department of England & Bryan, Philadelphia, and resides in Newport, Tennessee. He has a number of tanneries in his district. J. Cambridge is superintendent of a tannery at Waynesville, North Carolina; Jesse is superintendent of the tannery at Newport, Tennessee, and Newton holds a responsible position at the same place. One daughter, Mrs. White, resides at Ashville, North Carolina.

Mr. Fisher and his wife (who was Miss Maria Fike) were largely instrumental in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal church at Saltillo, and their devout lives and their earnest service in the cause have left an indelible impress upon that community. As class leader and Sunday school superintendent he gave encouragement and helpful counsel and incited to noble life those whom be led. For several years he was justice of the peace and school director and in whatsoever position he was placed 'Squire Fisher, as he was familiarly called, always did his duty conscientiously.

Besides his sons and daughter, he is survived by his wife, who for more than half a century was a helpmeet and nobly seconded his faithful labors.

Horse Killed on Railroad Trestle.

Thursday night of this week a horse belonging to Dr. McClain, of Trough Creek, was killed on the railroad trestle at Stonerstown. Dr. McClain and Dr. R. M. Hunter a few months ago had exchanged teams, the Hunter ponies were taken to McClain and McClain's horse brought to Saxton. Dr. Hunter left home a few days ago and gave the horse to Theodore Cremer with the privilege of exercising it. Thursday evening Theodore and Miss Mae Stoler started out for a sleigh ride. At the company store building the horse became frightened, upset the sleigh and threw the occupants out. It then headed for the railroad. Running up the embankment onto the track, the horse was turned on its course by the pusher engine coming down the yard with a cut of cars, and started to run out on the trestle. Before the train could be stopped it struck the horse, which had fallen on the trestle, and dragged it some distance, killing the beast and terribly mangling it. The sleigh had been wrecked before the horse had reached the railroad in its wild flight. —*Saxton Herald.* The Dr. McClain referred to above is now located at Mount Union, he having moved from Cassville to that place several months ago.

Bagshaw—Bush.

Prof. Kenzie S. Bagshaw, of Juniata township, a well known school teacher, and Miss Clara, daughter of William Bush, also of Juniata township, were united in marriage on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Garrett, of McConnellstown. The happy couple left last evening for Sioux City, Iowa, where the groom will enter upon his official duties as assistant meat inspector for the U. S. government, a place to which he was appointed last week. Prof. Bagshaw took the civil service examination a year ago, made a high average, but heard nothing of the matter until a few days ago, when he was ordered to report for duty. We wish him and his accomplished wife happiness and prosperity in their new home—*Globe.*

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Wright & Dell.

December Court Proceedings.

At the opening of court on Monday of last week, when the constables were called before the court to make their respective returns, Judge Woods called their attention to some special rights and duties. Constables may arrest persons they see disobeying the laws without a warrant. They are to make a return of persons violating the gambling laws, obtaining money by any unlawful device, cards, dice and the like within their respective boroughs and townships.

Citation awarded against P. B. Cutshall, executor of Simon Locke, late of Springfield township, deceased, to file an account.

Return of inquest to make valuation of the real estate of George Whittaker, late of Porter township, deceased, confirmed nisi and a rule awarded to show cause why the same snould not be sold.

Return of sale of real estate of William Adams, late of Shirley township, deceased, confirmed nisi.

In the matter of the rule on J. D. Hicks, executor of Mary Johnson, late of Franklin township, deceased, to file an account, replication of D. Funk, administrator of Mary E. Addleman, deceased filed.

Report of D. H. Myers, auditor to distribute balance in the hands of Chas. C. Brewster, administrator c. t. a. of George Clemens, late of Shirley township, deceased, confirmed nisi.

The Union Banking and Trust Company of Dubois, Pa., guardian of John F. Brown, Jr., and Laura L. Brown, minor children of George E. Brown, late of the borough of Brookville, Pa., deceased, authorized to sell certain real estate of said minors in West township.

Sale of real estate of Charlotte Beaver, late of Hopewell township, deceased, awarded for payment of debts.

Report of W. H. Trude, auditor appointed to distribute balance in hands of Thos. F. Bailey, executor of Stewart Allen, late of the borough of Huntingdon, deceased, confirmed nisi.

Report of Thos. F. Bailey, auditor appointed to make distribution of the balance in the hands of Sarah J. Dell, administratrix of Henry G. Dell, late of Shirley township, deceased, confirmed nisi.

Sale of part of the real estate of John X. Lutz, late of Shirley township, deceased, confirmed nisi. The sale of the land known as the "Smelker Farm" was set aside and a re-sale thereof ordered on the advance bid of W. A. Walker, of said towdship.

Sale of real estate of George P. Miller, late of Shirley township, deceased, awarded for payment of debts.

Sale of real estate of Abraham Skipper, late of the borough of Mount Union, deceased, awarded for payment of debts.

In re inquest to make partition of the real estate of Joseph Hegie, late of Tell township, deceased, rule on heirs returned and real estate decreed to Anastasia S. Crouse, one of the heirs, for $4457.

Inquest to make partition of the real estate of James A. Cook, late of Tod township, deceased, confirmed nisi and rule on heirs to accept same at the valuation awarded.

Sale of the real estate of John Cox, late of Miller township, deceased, awarded for payment of debts.

Sale of the real estate of D. Jane Mears, late of the borough of Broad Top City, confirmed nisi.

In re libel in divorce, James P. Ross vs. Mary E. Ross, K. A. Lovell appointed master. Petition for counsel fee and alimony filed by respondent.

In re R. J. McNerlin vs. John McNerlin, rule awarded to show cause why judgment shonld not be satisfied.

In re A. D. Wright vs. Silas Hess, rule granted to show cause why appellant should not give additional security.

In re libel in divorce, Sadie Walls vs. A. H. Walls, subpoena awarded.

In re libel in divorce, Geo. W. Fry vs. Melinda A. Fry, subpoena awarded.

In re Franklin and Marshall College et al. vs. Barbara Wilson, record amended.

In re Honor Jane McNerlin, rule on defendant to file answer.

In re The Kelley & Jones Co. vs. G. W. Martin, judgment entered for amount admitted to be due.

In re H. J. Everhardt vs. Geo. Snare et al., service on defendants directed.

In re divorce, Lizzie D. Geissinger vs. Harry T. Geissinger, C. H. Whittaker appointed master.

Chas. C. Brewster appionted auditor of the accounts of the Prothonotary and Register and Recorder.

Inquisition on the body of Charles Veneier, who was killed at Robertsdale, filed and approved.

Inquisition on the body of Nick Muzerill, who died in jail as the result of a fight at Union Furnace in October, filed and approved.

Inquisition on the body of Sebastian Pasquerella, who was killed in the said fight at Union Furnace, filed and approved.

In re rule on directors of school district of Henderson township to show cause why their seats should not be vacated, answer of respondent filed. Exceptions to report of inspectors filed.

In re R. W. Jacobs vs. Mount Union Water Company, exceptions filed to defendant's bill of costs.

In re W. G. Myton vs. Juniata Planing Mill Company, motion to amend the record filed.

In re Geo. W. Bales vs. D. M. Osborne & Co., amended narr filed.

In re Samuel Dysard vs. Jacob Zillius et al., writ of Fi. Fa. stayed until next term.

In re C. L. Fitzhugh, executor, vs. The Penna. Co. for Insurance on Lives and Geo. K. Shoenberger, appearance for Geo. K. Shoenberger stricken from record.

Sale of certain real estate of Samuel Hatfield, late of Porter township, deceased, decreed, under Act of 1853.

Administrators of Henry C. Myers, late of Warriorsmark township, deceased, released.

The following bills were laid before the grand jury:

Com. vs. Simon Price. Assault and battery. True bill.

Com. vs. Robert Parson and Eslie McMullen. Disturbing a religious meeting. True bill.

Com. vs. Simon Price. Furnishing liquor to men of known intemperate habits and to minors. True bill.

Com. vs. John Mapes. Fales pretence. True bill.

Com. vs. George Smith. Selling liquor without license and to men of known intemperate habits. True bill.

Com. vs. Harry Hampton. Assault and battery. True bill.

Com. vs. Birchwood Graham. Larceny and receiving stolen goods. True bill.

Com. vs. George Troutwine and Elmer McCartney. Refusing and neglecting to open a public road and refusing and neglecting to place sign boards at the intersection of crossing of public roads. Not a true bill. Costs equally divided between county and prosecutor.

Com. vs. John Hershey, Jr. Pointing a firearm and carrying concealed deadly weapons. True bill.

Com. vs. Mrs. A. C. Duff. Forcible entry and detainer. True bill.

Com. vs. Wm. Clark. Voting more than once at a primary election. Not a true bill. The prosecutor, Monroe Heck, sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. Monroe Heck. Furnishing tobacco to persons under the age of sixteen years. Not a true bill. The prosecutor, Wm. Clark, to pay the costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. Edward Henry, Samuel Miller, Charles Flasher and Bert Hoffman, alias Bert Coffman. Robbery and larceny. Defendants acquitted.

Richard Parson was acquitted of the charge of disturbing a religious meeting in Tell township. Costs divided between defendant and the prosecutor, James Jones.

John Mapes, indicted for false pretence, was acquitted, but sentenced to pay the costs.

Birchwood Graham plead guilty to larceny. He was sentenced to the Reformatory.

John Hershey, Jr., plead guilty to the charge of pointing a firearm. Sentenced to pay the costs and a fine of $5; also to serve 20 days in county jail.

The two Italians indicted for the murder of a fellow-countryman at Union Furnace on October 9th, were convicted of manslaughter. The trial occupied from Thursday to Saturday.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by Wright & Dell. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

FIERCE RIOT AT MOSCOW

Five Thousand Take Part in Revolutionary Demonstration.

POLICE FURIOUSLY ASSAILED

Clubs and Stones Used by Rioters—Fighting Lasts From Noon Till Nearly Evening—One Policeman Thrown Down and Trampled Upon—Mounted Gendarmerie Called Out.

Moscow, Russia.—This city was the scene of a revolutionary demonstration from noon till nearly evening. Probably 5000 people actually participated in it.

Fortunately the agitators did not succeed in drawing the workingmen from the factories into the disturbance, and after many collisions, the police firing blank volleys and charging with their sabres, the crowds were finally dispersed.

Many persons were wounded and more were arrested. So far as is known none of the rioters was killed. One policeman is reported to have been mortally injured. Many on both sides were roughly handled.

The authorities knew in advance that trouble was impending, and many houses along Tverskaia street were specially guarded, while extra policemen were on duty in the streets. Several squadrons of mounted gendarmerie were concealed in the courtyards of houses ready for an emergency.

The crowds began to collect at midday in Tverskaia street, students of both sexes mixing with the general public. The thoroughfare was soon congested with a mass of moving humanity, which converged on Strastni Square, where 3000 persons assembled, many armed with clubs and carrying flags.

The crowd, singing, moved toward the palace of Grand Duke Sergius, the Governor-General of Moscow. The police attempted to block the street, whereupon the trouble began in earnest.

The crowd broke through the cordon and one policeman was knocked down. Battalions of police were brought up at double quick to reinforce their comrades. Sticks and stones were freely used by the mob, which threatened again to break through the cordon. The police, under orders of their chief, fired several blank volleys and mounted men charged, using the flats of their swords.

The mob fought stubbornly, but finally broke and sought shelter in the side streets. Here the police were again severely pressed, as the detachments stationed at the openings of these streets to keep people out of Tverskaia street were caught between the retreating mob on one side and throngs of curious spectators on the other.

Many of the demonstrators who broke through the cordon of police paraded in side streets in smaller groups, waving flags and singing. A crowd of 500 collected in front of the theatre, where revolutionary flags were hoisted amid shouts of "Long live Freedom!"

The police were not prepared at this point, and the crowd, gathering volume, moved from the square to Neglina street and Koominestki Bridge, the chief street of Moscow, where the police met it. Another stubborn fight ensued, ending, as the first had done, with three blank volleys and sabre charges.

Many shops were turned into hospitals, where the wounds of both rioters and police were temporarily dressed.

The workmen held aloof from the demonstration, employers having warned them that any participating in the demonstration would be dismissed. A few onlookers were hurt.

Quiet was finally restored, though almost every small street was traversed by small singing and shouting groups during the whole afternoon.

NUNS HEROINES OF A FIRE.

Several Severely Burned Rescuing Children From Burning Asylum.

Providence, R. I.—Four persons were injured during a fire that caused $20,000 damage to the St. Vincent de Paul Infant Asylum, a four-story brick structure in Regent street.

Through a splendid exhibition of bravery on the part of the sisters who conduct the asylum, firemen, police and volunteer life savers, every one of the 150 children in the home was rescued uninjured.

Some of the rescuers were severely burned.

The fire started at noon in the kitchen and rapidly communicated with the upper stories of the building through a dumbwaiter shaft. The blaze was discovered by one of the nuns. Shortly afterward flames reached the third story, where a large number of children were lying ill in bed.

The greater part of the building was saved. The water damage, however, is considerable. The asylum is valued at about $50,000, with about $30,000 insurance.

Blizzard Along New England.

A storm of blizzard severity was reported along the Southern New England coast, with all wires on Cape Cod down. Three barges went ashore on Fisher's Island, and the crews were rescued by means of the breeches buoy.

STATE NEWS BUDGET.

Widow Wins Insurance Suit.

Mrs. Mary Z. Taylor, widow of Selwyn M. Taylor, a millionaire mining engineer, in the United States District Court, at Pittsburg, won a suit for $25,530.42 against the Provident Savings Life Assurance Company on a policy of $25,000 which the company had declined to pay. Interest from the time of death was allowed. Taylor drew the plans for the ill-fated Harwick mine, which blew up on January 25, 1903, killing 180 men. He was one of the first men to go down the shaft to save other lives and lost his own. Andrew Carnegie had a special hero medal struck and sent to the widow. At the time of his death Taylor owed the insurance company one premium, but there was a clause in the policy allowing the holder thirty days in which to pay the premium. Mr. Taylor was killed within these thirty days. The amount of the premium was offered but refused.

Cat Saves a Family.

To the family cat the family of Robert Zearfoss, of No. 320 Walnut street, York, probably owe their lives. When Mr. Zearfoss, his wife and their three children retired for the night the fact was overlooked that the stove grate had been left open with the damper closed, and soon coal gas began to fill the rooms. The cat evidently felt the effects of the gas and set up a mewing as to arouse the stupefied family. The doors and windows were immediately thrown open and the family saved from suffocation. The children showed signs of illness and a physician had to be called to give them relief.

Priests Shoots at Parishioners.

The Rev. Louis Laush, of the St. Nicholas Croatian Church, Allegheny, heard members of his congregation attempting to enter the place. He opened fire on them, and they ran. The priest ran to a police station and had the police arrest four members of the congregation. He said he had fired the shots to attract the police, as he feared an attempt was to be made on his life. The members of the congregation said they had visited the pastor only to ask him some questions. It is said a feud of ten years' standing in the congregation keeps every priest appointed by the bishop on nettles.

Clerk Bound, $2000 Stolen.

At noon two masked men entered the Leshey Coal Company's office in the Masonic Temple, in Altoona, knocked down William Ale, the clerk, bound and gagged him, and stole $2,000 which had been placed in a satchel ready to be taken to Lilly to pay off the miners. Ale was alone in the office at the time, Paymaster John Leahey having gone to luncheon. The robbers knocked at the door, and as Ale opened it felled him with a blow in the face. A revolver kept him silent until gagged. After tying him to the safe the men took the money and disappeared.

Boom in Tin Plate Business.

The American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, of Pittsburg, started thirty-seven tin plate mills the other day, and now only seven of the two hundred and forty-two mills are idle. Of the idle mills, five are at Sharon, and two at Martin's Ferry, Ohio. These, it is likely, will be going before the end of the week, and, for the first time in the history of the company or its predecessor, the American Tin Plate Company, every mill owned by it will be in full operation. The mills resuming were at Anderson and Ellwood, Ind., and New Kensington and Connellsville.

"Harness" Kills a Dancer.

Annie Strickley, one of the little aerial dancers performing in the "Mother Goose" production, died at St. John's Hospital, Allegheny. She was taken ill while the company was performing at a Pittsburg theatre. The hospital authorities say that her illness was due to the manner in which the girls are "harnessed" during the performance to go through their aerial dance. The girl died from peritonitis. When she entered the hospital she said her home was in New York City.

Train's Flop at Mauch Chunk.

An empty engine on a siding, but not clearing the main track, was run into by a Jersey Central passenger train at Mauch Chunk the other evening, and the passenger engine was overturned and wrecked, injuring Engineer Dolon about the back. One coach, with a number of passengers aboard, was overturned, but with the exception of slight bruises all escaped.

Fire Caused by Ground Hog.

The Glassport Coal Company mine near Milesville caught fire in a most unusual manner. A forest fire had been burning near the entrance, and the flames were finally communicated to the mine through a ground hog hole. The mine was then flooded. Fortunately miners were not at work when the fire started.

All Through the State.

A fiendish peddler tried to kidnap thirteen-year-old Mabel Corman at York.

A new camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America was instituted at Darby.

Conshohocken's elite danced for the benefit of the Maternity Hospital, Philadelphia.

Aiming at a rabbit, Philip Mountz, of Bloseville, Cumberland County, shot his wife's foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Klinefelter celebrated a notable golden wedding anniversary at Milton

MRS. CHADWICK AT HOME.

The Now Famous Woman Arrives in Cleveland, Ohio, Under Guard.

HOW SHE USED CARNEGIE'S NAME

Under Five Indictments Already—Has an Indebtedness Approaching One Million Dollars—One of the Most Sensational Cases This Country Has Ever Known.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Five times indicted by the United States Government at the exact minute that her train rolled into the station, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick came home to Cleveland. She was greeted with jeers, hoots and hisses by the crowds that gathered in the depot when her train arrived, and howled at by hundreds gathered in front of the Federal Building. The last sound that reached her from the outside world, as she passed into the stuffy, ill-smelling office of Sheriff Barry in the county jail, was the hoot of derision from the people massed in front of the doorway. She made no attempt to give bail, and after a brief stop in the office of the clerk of the United States Court was taken to jail. She was held in cell 14 in the woman's department of the jail, and her luxurious home in Euclid avenue, of which the furnishings alone are valued at $200,000, was occupied by her maid.

Two of the formal indictments voted against Mrs. Chadwick are based, one, upon the Carnegie note for $250,000, which was made payable at the office of Andrew Carnegie in New York City, and another upon the Carnegie note for $500,000, which was payable at the National Bank of Commerce in New York. Under each indictment are two counts, one charging forgery, the other, uttering counterfeited papers.

Some weeks ago the Wade Park Bank of Cleveland became insolvent through the financial mishaps of Mrs Chadwick. Mr. Reynolds, the President of the bank, told the following story of his relations with Mrs. Chadwick:

Mr. Reynolds said he had known Mrs. Chadwick seven or eight years and Dr. Chadwick, the woman's husband, all his life. Regarding the $5,000,000 note bearing the name of Andrew Carnegie, he said:

"Mrs. Chadwick called me to her house—I think it was March 5, 1903—and said she wished to intrust to me some securities. She said she had been advised to place them in the possession of a third party, and she wanted me to take care of them."

This package was opened by Attorney Squire. The package was produced in court and Mr. Reynolds identified the Carnegie note, the mortgage deed and the copies of an alleged trust agreement.

Continuing, the witness said:

"She then handed a paper to sign." As near as he could remember, it said:

"I certify that I hold in trust for Mrs. Cassie Chadwick securities and a note for $5,000,000."

This note, the woman said, was given her by Andrew Carnegie, the steel magnate, she claiming to be the illegitimate daughter of Mr. Carnegie.

This package containing these supposedly valuable securities was never opened by Mr. Reynolds, he taking Mrs. Chadwick's word as to the truth of the contents.

Subsequently she came to Mr. Reynolds and on the strength of these supposedly good securities would obtain loans of thousands of dollars. Many other financiers were used in the same manner.

Mr. Carnegie has stated that he never signed any notes, that he never had had any dealings with Mrs. Chadwick.

At least two banks have taken official cognizance of the case and Federal officers have taken it upon themselves to investigate the validity of notes aggregating more than a million dollars which bear the name of Andrew Carnegie, the ironmaster.

Mrs. Chadwick was arrested in New York City and placed in the Tombs. Finally she waived all formalities and under the escort of Federal officers proceeded to Cleveland.

WOMEN IN FIERCE RIOT.

Church Procession and Republicans Clash in Spain—Mob Fired On.

Madrid, Spain.—The Feast of the Virgin was marked by a riotous scene at Valencia.

A procession of 6000 women bearing lighted tapers to the Cathedral came in conflict with a Republican demonstration and a general fight ensued.

The gendarmes were unable to disperse the combatans by charging, and fired several rounds from their carbines into the mob.

Many persons, including women, were wounded.

BULGARIANS INVADE TURKEY.

Large Numbers of Revolutionaries Crossing Macedonian Frontier.

London, England.—Bulgarian bands are crossing the Macedonian frontier in large numbers and others are forming.

Boris Sarafoff is directing the movement. Since the revolutionary outbreak of last year no bands had left Bulgaria.

The Tibetan Losses.

The losses of the British expedition to Tibet under Colonel Younghusband numbered nearly 1100 men.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Hundreds of Russian deserters have found refuge in London lately.

The house in which modern spiritualism originated is still standing on a farm near the village of Hydesville, N. Y.

Miss Louise Mary Driver, mayoress of Chatham, England, has completed her first year of the office.

The two State prisons in California are so overcrowded that in some cases five men are put in one cell.

A penny in the slot machine in Vienna supplies post card gramophone discs of the operator's voice.

A Paris burglar, in trying to escape from a shop, fell into a barrel of lard, in which he sank up to the neck.

The first Jewish hospital in the British empire was opened at Manchester on November 17. It cost $30,000.

The Reading Company has placed an order for sixty-five coaches and baggage cars at a cost of over $100,000.

The Russian Minister of Finance has raised the question of the creation in Russia of chambers of commerce.

An oyster containing pearls of the value of £250 was found by a fisherman at Neumunster, Germany, a few days ago.

Dr. I. C. White, State geologist of West Virginia, sailed for Brazil recently, where he will examine and report on the coal fields of Rio Grande do Sul.

Haydn's house in Vienna, where he wrote "The Creation" and "The Seasons," and where he died May 31, 1809, is to become the property of the city by purchase.

There is on exhibition at Coventry, England, a pile carpet 24 by 7½ feet, which was made in Lahore in 1634 for a director of the old East India Company. The beautiful coloring is still perfect, despite its age of 270 years.

SPORTING BREVITIES.

The juniors won the interclass cross country run at Columbia.

The National Trotting Association expelled several New England horsemen.

Frank Forester defeated Cecil Fairs, of London, Eng., at court tennis in Lakewood, N. J.

None of those who finished in the six days' bicycle race suffered from the effects of the struggle.

Edward P. Carr, Xavier A. A., defeated John J. Daly in a three-mile foot race at Celtic Park.

Root and Dorlan won the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, New York City, by a length.

The manufacturers of the Pope-Toledo automobile announced an entry for the International Cup race.

Edward R. Thomas has secured a lease on the breeding farm owned by David Gideon at Holmdel, N. J.

George H. Ketcham was found not guilty of establishing a fraudulent record for his trotting stallion Cresceus.

Frank Kramer lowered the world's record for a quarter of a mile, unpaced, at the Madison Square Garden races.

A. Loewanberg defeated H. A. Coleman by fifty-five in the amateur fourteen-inch balk line billiard tournament.

"Ben" Jordan gained the decision on points in a fifteen-round boxing bout with "Pediar" Palmer for the featherweight championship of England.

Edward Corrigan, on a visit to New York City, would not discuss the mooted question as to the reported formation of another Western turf organization.

The Rules Committee of the Intercollegiate Football Association will consider a change in the game suggested by Walter Camp that the distance to be gained on downs be increased from five to ten yards.

LABOR NOTES.

There are said to be 664 trade unions in New York City, with a total membership of 250,000.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Freight and Baggagemen have twenty-one organizers in the field.

Hotel clerks in Pittsburg and Philadelphia are forming unions for their benefit and advancement.

It is estimated that the total wages lost in the recent beef strike reached the enormous total of $3,375,000.

It is nearly 100 years since the first steps were taken by laboring men to organize for their own protection.

The eight-hour law of the State of Washington has been declared constitutional by the courts of that State.

The headquarters of the European Union of Transport Workers has been removed from London to Hamburg. M. Jochade, of Hamburg, succeeds Ben Tillett as secretary.

Declaring they would not work until the J. E. Title Shoe Company, at Chicago, Ill., granted the demands of 123 young women who went out recently, 150 men in the factory went on strike.

Buffalo Third Branch of Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners wish to announce that they are no longer affiliated with the Amalgamated Society, but will be known as Buffalo Third Branch of Carpenters.

An amateur statistician in the Government printing office has figured out that this Government expends over $500,000 on an average each year restricting immigration, while the Government of Canada expends $750,000 annually to induce immigration.

There are said to be 120 distinct trade organizations represented in the American Federation of Labor. It is also stated that there are several national unions not connected with the Federation and that between 1,000,000 and 1,500,000 union laborers are affiliated with the organization

News of the Week

WASHINGTON.

W. R. Davis, Consul at Alexandretta, Syria, who recently got into trouble with the Turkish authorities because he lowered the flag from the Consulate during a celebration in honor of the Sultan's birthday, has reported at the State Department in person, and has indicated his wish to resign from the service. His resignation will be accepted as soon as it is duly filed.

The State Department sent out to the various Powers signatory to The Hague conference a circular containing a synopsis of the replies of all the countries which were addressed in regard to the proposal for a second conference.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, introduced a bill to double the salaries of the President, Vice-President, Senators and Representatives.

The House Judiciary Committee recommended the impeachment of United States Judge Swayne.

Postmaster-General Wynne's annual report shows a year of steady growth in bettering the country's postal service.

The House, by a large majority, voted to impeach Judge Charles Swayne, of the Federal Court of Northern Florida.

Two leaders of organizations of postal employes were dismissed from the postal service.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Keen interest has been manifested in and about Manila regarding the Philippine bill that was recently passed by Congress.

DOMESTIC.

Two men were suffocated in an oil tank barge in the East River, New York Harbor.

Two lives were lost and property worth $830,000 destroyed by a fire in Minneapolis, Minn.

Members of the National Mosquito Extermination Society met in the New York City Aquarium to consider methods for the spring and summer campaign against the pests.

Archbishop Ireland, Bishop Potter and others spoke for international arbitration at a mass meeting in Carnegie Hall, New York City.

The leaders of the Fall River (Mass.) textile unions decided to refer the question of continuing the strike to the members of the various organizations there.

Incoming New York trains were delayed by snowstorms.

Dr. R. S. Woodward, of Columbia University, was chosen President of the Carnegie Institution.

Stockholders of the Atchison were asked by the directors to vote for a $50,000,000 bond issue.

J. P. Morgan was elected as head of the Metropolitan Museum trustees, in New York City.

A fire, which entailed a loss of $210,000, occurred at Rochester, N. Y.

The Rev. Dr. John White Chadwick died in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Having grieved over the death of his wife for three months William Stephenson, of New York City, fell dead of a broken heart.

A four-inch fall of snow impeded traffic and caused general discomfort in New York City.

Burglars wrecked a safe in the New York City office of Internal Revenue Collector Stearns, but obtained no booty.

E. A. Barnes presented a check for $500,000 at the Citizens' Central National Bank, in New York City, and was arrested as a lunatic.

Dr. Wolff, of Hartford, Conn., says that in the diphtheria germ he has found the anti-toxin of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

The Waldorf doll sale realized $3500 for the New York Home for Crippled Children.

Mayor McClellan announced that he favors the construction of a lighting plant by New York City.

Mrs. Catherine A. Anderson sued Banker Warner Van Norden, of New York City, alleging misappropriation of $200,000 worth of stocks.

Miss Forster, factory inspector, caused the arrest of two New York manufacturers for violation of the child labor law.

Several New York dealers were fined heavily for selling adulterated milk, and Judge Olmsted threatened sentences to prison upon second conviction.

A bark and three schooners were wrecked in a heavy gale on the Newfoundland coast.

The United States Supreme Court decided that the Western Union Telegraph Company does not possess the right to maintain its poles on the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

FOREIGN.

Thirty thousand Chinese are said to be starving near Mukden. The Japanese have refused to allow supplies for them to pass through the Russian lines.

Moscow students made another demonstration against the Russian Government, and the Town Council sent a petition urging the adoption of the zemstvo memorial to the Minister of the Interior.

A German captain reported at Chefoo that he had seen a Japanese cruiser apparently ashore at Yung-Ching Bay, sixty-three miles southeast of that port, with a merchantman rendering assistance.

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE ENTITLED "KNOWING THE TRUTH."

The Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin Dwells on the Condition of Learning Spiritual Truth as Laid Down by Jesus—Open-Mindedness is the First Qualification

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—In the Greene Avenue Baptist Church Sunday morning the minister, the Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin, preached the sermon. Mr, Woelfkin's text was from Deuteronomy xxix:29: "The secret things belong unto the Lord, our God, but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children, that we may do all the words of this law." He said:

A noted astronomer once said: "I have searched the stars, but I find no God." A noted philosopher said, "If there is an infinite, personal God, He is unknowable." Materialistic science and rational philosophy have formulated the creed of agnosticism, viz.: that God is unknown and unknowable. It sounds conservative, modest and wise. But it is not really new. One of the ancients wrote in the long ago, "Canst thou, by searching, find out God? Canst thou know the Almighty unto perfection? Zophar, the Naamathite, was a clever agnostic. The Hebrew lawgiver writes, "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God."

If God be the Infinite, Eternal and Absolute, it is impossible to comprehend and explain Him. There must always be dimensions of mystery unknown and unknowable in Him. The astronomer never expects to find the walls of the universe. There is always the unknown beyond. If space and time stagger the imagination, can we ever hope to bring the eternal God completely within the range of human conception? We are all agnostics. Even Christians worship at the altar of the super knowable God. It is no discredit to the theist that he cannot tell the day of God's birth. We need not distress ourselves because we cannot walk about God and know His diameter and circumference. He is unknowable.

But because we cannot know all, shall we rest content to know nothing? The scientist is aware that he can never know it all. Does he therefore break his instruments and content himself to abide in ignorance? He knows in part. He will know more, though he never knows it all. So, concerning God, there are things that may be known. The mystery of the unknown is the very charm of eternity. The ages will ever clothe themselves with new garments of mystery.

How may we know God? God is a spirit and must be spiritually known. John Fiske, speaking of the spectroscope, calls it "an addition to our senses." All our inventions are extensions to our senses. There is auto-seeing, auto-hearing, auto-feeling. Tyndale said, "The silence of the forest at noonday is agitated with sound, if we could only hear it." There are some things telescopically discerned, others, microscopically and spectroscopically. Without these they are not discerned at all. Why does one man only glance at a picture, and pass on, while another will study it by the hour? Why will some people leave the music hall, while others are held spellbound by the symphony? Because some things are artistically discerned and others musically. There must be the subjective faculty to appreciate objective genius.

Why do some men go through life without any sense of reverence, worship and prayer, while others bow in humility and adoration to one whom they call God? Because God is spiritually discerned. The natural man receiveth not the things of God, neither can he know them. He is lacking the soul's telescope, microscope, spectroscope, etc. Natural devices cannot discover a spiritual God.

The study of man himself presents a faints analogy of this truth. Science studies the human body; articulates the skeleton; knows the nervous system; explains organization. But does the anatomist discover the whole man? Does he find that sovereign—the will, the magistrate—the conscience, the artist—the imagination, the orchestra—the emotions, the librarian—the memory? They are all there, but the instruments of physical dissection do not discover them. They are mentally discerned. When spiritual men, as such, pronounce upon physical science, they become fools. And when materialists, as such, pronounce upon spiritual things they likewise turn out folly. One qualification cannot constitute authority upon all things.

It is sometimes said that religion speaks in a language of its own—a foreign tongue. This must be so in the nature of the case. Every new idea demands the garment of a new word or phrase. Every science creates its own nomenclature. We might find a hundred volumes written in our native tongue and yet not understand what is written. Spiritual realities must express themselves in spiritual terminology. Instead of quarreling with the introduction of new terms, we should as true students learn their meaning and so widen our apprehensions.

The condition of learning spiritual truth is laid down by Jesus. "He that willeth to do His will shall know the teaching." There must be right attitude first, and then the experiment of action. Open-mindedness is the first qualification for apprehension. Prejudice distorts and binds the judgment. It is the chief factor in our limitations. It is the handicap upon honest examination and experiment. Prejudice shut the theologians out of natural science for years. Prejudice is shutting the materialists out of religious science to-day. The whole universe is governed by law. Let a man obey the laws of nature and nature will unfold its mysteries to him. Let a man put himself in alignment with spiritual realities, and the spiritual world will discover itself to him. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

There must be action, the test of experiment. Here is a stumbling block. Men have their own wills and hesitate and halt at doing the will of God. The chief difficulties concerning religion do not rise out of intellectual embarrassment so much as a failure in attitude and action. Yet without these men cannot know.

The means of knowing are twofold. St. John says, "That which we have heard, that which we have seen and handled with our hands declare we unto you." There is first the message of tradition—that which we have heard. There is tradition in science. Some things have been worked out, tested and proven. They are accepted as axiomatic by the consensus of all students. Who thinks to question the roundness of the earth or its motion round the sun? Few of us have proved it; we accept it on scientific tradition. We do the same in all scientific study. Tradition is the foundation already laid, and we build thereon. To exclude the authority of tradition would check all progress. So religion has its traditions. Some things come to us with the "sterling" mark of the centuries. He who discredits all religious tradition ignores the past and begins anew. This makes the difference between the man of faith and the skeptic. The man of faith receives what has been proven and builds thereon. The skeptic only examines the foundations, sometimes without even laying new ones.

But there must be personal experience also. When Morse asked Congress for an appropriation of $30,000 for his telegraph venture the committeeman having the deciding vote was undecided. Mr. Morse took him to his hotel; showed him some miles of wire. He bade him go into a distant room and there experiment with the instrument according to the code. He returned and voted for the appropriation, saying, "I have seen—I have handled the instrument, and it will do what is claimed for it." And any man may experiment with the realities of our religion and test its claims to comfort, wisdom, peace, rest, hope, love, prayer, etc. And only when we thus know will we be effective witnesses of truth. Jesus said, "We speak that we do know and testify that we have seen." With such knowledge the known becomes the key of the unknown and leads us into deeper knowledge.

The purpose of learning to know God is to obtain the life eternal. When Kepler, the astronomer, after many failures, finally discovered the laws of planetary motion he fell upon his knees and cried: "I thank Thee, O God, that I am thinking Thy thoughts over after Thee." This knowledge made him partner with the thought of the eternal God. So every truth experimentally discerned puts us into partnership with God. We learn to think His thoughts; to will His will; to love with His love; to live His life. And His is life eternal. Therefore Jesus says, "To know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent, this is life eternal."

The range of things thus knowable is very wide. Only a few of them may be suggested. We may know the forgiveness of our sins. We are made conscious of our sinfulness through the exercise of our conscience and our inability to overtake what we know to be the ideal. But when we accept the overtures of divine grace and yield to the incoming and inworking of God's Holy Spirit, we experience a peace and power which are the subjective evidences of our being loosed from our sins. This is the first thing in Christian knowledge.

Next "we know that we have passed from death unto life." Such a transition is made on all planes of life. A new climate helps some men to pass from death to life in body. Education enables men to pass from death to life mentally. Society sometimes causes men to pass from death to life morally. The development of latent genius makes men pass from death unto life. So the touch of God's spirit awakens new ideals, affections and possibilities, and the love of a spiritual society evidences a passage from death unto life.

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." This is not self-evident, as we take a narrow view of mortal life. But when we see the wider ranges we learn it is so. There may be experiences which darken the scene and plunge the judgment into panic. Joseph while being led a slave to Egypt could not understand this. Nor could Moses, Daniel and the prophets in the day of trial. But afterward they saw it to be so. The glory which Moses saw was not some lustrous form, but rather that all the past history was transfigured with God's presence and favor. It is the backward look that gives us this assurance. "We know that if our earthly house of this body be dissolved we have a building of God * * * eternal in the heavens." That is, we know that we have an immortal destiny of eternal life. Subjectively we know that every appetite has its satisfaction. Hunger suggests food and thirst argues for water. If God creates a fin on the fish He makes an element for it to swim in. If He fashions a wing, He supplies the air for it to fly in. Surely these lower appetites are not gratified only that the deeper and nobler may be disappointed. And objectively, "Christ hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." His resurrection satisfies our desires and becomes prophetic of our destiny. Let us study earnestly the truth of God with a view to doing His will, and we shall know in part now and more perfectly by and by.

Christ on the Boundary Line.

Chile and Argentina have settled a boundary dispute of long standing and of the most irritating character, and they have signalized their agreement by a monument of the most significant and striking character. A correspondent of a Southern newspaper reports that the frontier delineated by this new treaty is guarded, not by a line of fortresses, but by a statue of Christ!

This is the most significant symbol of peace, the most beautiful landmark, ever erected between two countries; and the Catholics of Chile and Argentina have set an example before the whole world by placing between them the figure of the Prince of Peace as a perpetual memorial of the friendship now established between them. If the figure of Christ, as an expression of profound feeling and conviction, could be placed on the boundary line of every country in Europe, a new chapter in the history of the world would be opened.

That the beginnings of such a chapter are already being written is quite evident to one who reads the signs of the times with any degree of intelligence. Wars are not only being waged at this moment, but for some time to come they will continue to be waged; but the horror of them grows, and the conviction that they are unnecessary deepens, the instances in which they are successfully avoided multiply; and the time may not be distant when Tennyson's vision of the furling of the battle flags of the world may become a fact.—Outlook.

Do Not Delay.

If unhappy delays have cost some men the loss of battles and other men the loss of profitable bargains, there are innumerable cases in which delays have cost the salvation of a soul. The time element is made prominent in the Bible. It abounds in such urgent words as "straightway," "now," and "to-day."

One of the most pathetic scenes described by our Lord is that of the tardy guests clamoring for admission to the wedding feast who are told that "the door is shut." At the day of final judgment we may well believe that those who come there from Gospel lighted lands will be divided into two classes—those who seized their opportunity, and those who lost it. The happy hosts on the right hand of the Judge will contain those who "knew the time of their visitation," who obeyed the heavenly voice, who improved the influences of the Holy Spirit and pressed in while the gate stood open. And among these happy ones the happiest will be those earnest laborers for Christ who caught every opportunity to do good, and, by co-operating with the divine Spirit, won precious souls to the Master.—Theo. L. Cuyler.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 25.

The Christmas Lesson — Subject: The Prince of Peace, Isa. ix., 1-7—Golden Text, Isa. ix., 6—Memory Verses, 6, 7 —Commentary.

I. Great darkness (vs. 1, 2). 1. "Nevertheless." A transition word from the dark picture of chapter 8:5-22, describing the woes from Assyrian predominance to the bright dawn and consummation of the Messianic era. 'Shall not be such." The darkness shall not be as great as it has been. There was a ray of encouragement for those who were ready to receive the prophet's word. "Zebulun." The country of Galilee around the Sea of Galilee was the land that principally suffered in the first Assyrian invasion.

2. "The people—in darkness." The people of Judah. They were at this time under a two-fold darkness. 1. The darkness of outward trouble. See 2 Kings 15:37; 16: 4-8, 17; 2 Chron. 28:5-8. 2. They were in moral darkness. Ahaz had led the people into the most abominable practices in honor of the heathen divinities whose worship he had established in his kingdom. The worship of Molech, the savage god of Ammon, was now established, not only on the heights of Olivet, but in the valley of Hinnom, on a spot known by the name of Tophet, close under the walls of Jerusalem. There the brazen statue of the god was erected, with the furnace within or at his feet, into which the children were thrown (2 Kings 16). Superstitions appeared in every part of the country. Gold and silver statues glittered throughout Judah. Soothsayers, spirits, ghosts were consulted (Isa. 2:6, 8, 20; 8:19). Finally, towards the close of the reign, he shut up the great doors of the temple (2 Chron. 28:24), discontinued the offering of incense and the morning and evening sacrifice, and left the whole interior to decay, neglect, ruin.

II. A great light (vs. 2-5). 2. "A great light." The sudden change from dense darkness to the shining light which the prophet saw is quite remarkable. What light was this? The promise of redemption; the prospect of the coming of Immanuel.

3. "Hast multiplied the nation." Isaiah with prophetic eye pierces the centuries and sees the hosts that would come under the reign of the Messiah and be numbered with the true spiritual Israel. "And not increased." See R. V. for correct rendering. "They joy before Thee." The prophet notes it to be a religious joy because it is said to be before God—that is, in His presence and with a grateful acknowledgment of His benefits.

4. "Thou hast broken the yoke." The Jews were successively delivered from the burdensome and galling yoke of the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Persians and Macedonians; but these deliverances were only a shadow of redemption from the yoke of Satan; and that redemption seems here especially predicted as if already accomplished. "As in the day of Midian." As Gideon with a handful of men conquered the hosts of Midian, so Messiah, the "child" (v. 6), shall prove to be the "Prince of Peace," and the small company under him shall overcome the mighty hosts of Antichrist. See the same contrast in Micah 5:2-5.

5. "For every battle." It was the custom of antiquity to pile the arms of prostrate enemies, the spoils of less value, and their spotted garments, into a heap and then burn them. All that belongs to war shall be swept away; the war itself shall die. The Messiah abolishes all war, but not until His foes are either swept away by His judgments or melted into penitence and won over to submission by His love.

III. A vision of the Messiah (v. 6). 6. "Unto us." The prophet spake of the predicted blessings as if already communicated. Angels say, "Unto you," but this child was born for the benefit of us men, of us sinners, of all believers, to the end of the world. "In the far distance the prophet foresaw the Redeemer of the world. A little later came the vision of the suffering Savior (Isa. 53); then the town where He should be born ((Micah 5:2); a more complete revelation came through Daniel." "A son was given." God's gratuitous gift, upon which man had no claim (John 3:16). A gift of love, of joy, of universal fitness to our needs, of eternal enrichment, of forever increasing value; and this gift insures all other gifts (Rom. 8:32). As Son of man Jesus was "a child born;" as Son of God He was a "Son given.' "Government." "The ensign of government, the scepter, the sword, or key, was borne upon or hung from the shoulder. All government shall be vested in Him." "His name." A name stands for all that the man is and has—his character, his principles and his property. "Wonderful." Because his nature was both human and divine. Whoever pauses to believe in the supernatural must pause at the manger. He could go no farther. How Godhood and manhood could be knit together in the person of Christ is beyond us. But things incomprehensible are not incredible. All divine works are wonderful. There are marvels enough in a drop of water to bewilder the wisest. "Counsellor." One who has wisdom to guide himself and others. Jesus was the embodiment of the wisdom of God. He was a Savior, both God and man, a personal revelation of God's love, a perfect character and example. He is our Counsellor, never guiding us astray, but always by the best ways to the best ends. "Mighty God." God the mighty One. As He has wisdom, so He has strength; He is able to save to the uttermost; and such is the work of the Mediator that no less a power than that of the mighty God could accomplish it. "Everlasting Father." Expressing the divine love and pity for men, a love that can never fail, for it is everlasting. "Prince of Peace." As a King He preserves, commands, creates peace. His peace both keeps the hearts of His people and rules in them.

IV. The Messianic kingdom (v. 7). 7. "Of the increase," etc. The government shall cease in numbers, in power, in the completeness of its rule. It shall increase in the blessings it bestows. It is like the powers of nature, which are exhaustless. There is no limit to their application to the use of man. With all our marvelous inventions and discoveries of what nature can do, we have yet gathered but a few rays from the world of light, a few sprays from the ocean of blessings God has in store for man. "Throne of David." To sit upon the throne of David means to reign over the true people of God; and in this sense Christ sat on David's throne. "To order it." To rule it. "From henceforth even forever." Only such a kingdom can endure. Nothing is really settled till it is settled right. The powers of evil seem very strong, but every one is doomed to fall before Christ. The forces of intemperance shall be destroyed, organized oppression shall be broken, heathenism shall fall, infidelity be overthown, slavery cease.

DIE IN STEAMBOAT FIRE

Passengers and Crew Perish in Flames on Long Island Sound.

HEROISM DISPLAYED BY ALL

Captain of the Glen Island, at Sixty-eight Years of Age, Braves the Conflagration and Calms Those Beneath Him—Many Rescued by Tug and Brought to the City.

New York City.—On her way from this city to New Haven, Conn., the steamboat Glen Island, of the Starin Line, caught fire but a short distance past Execution Rock, in Long Island Sound, early in the morning, and in the rapid spread of the flames two passengers and seven men of the crew were cut off from help or escape. They undoubtedly perished, and only by the prompt and heroic action of Capt. Charles E. MacAllaster and the remaining members of the crew were the sleeping pasengers aroused and saved. In their night clothes they hastily boarded two lifeboats and for an hour awaited the help of succoring vessels, all the while suffering from the intense cold. First picked up by the tug Billy, they were transferred to the Erastus Corning, a freight boat of the Starin Line, and brought to this city at daylight.

When the Glen Island left the Starin pier, No. 13 North River, the night before at nine o'clock there were ten passengers and a crew of twenty-one persons, including Capt. David Marcus, who was to take command of the boat on her next trip. The main deck of the steamboat was filled with merchandise consigned to stores in the Connecticut city, nearly all of an inflammable nature, and roughly valued at $200,000. The boat, built twenty-four years ago, of the flimsy construction peculiar to excursion craft, represented a value of $125,000, according to the Starins, and all was covered with insurance to the full amount of injury.

Frank B. Street, a wholesale grocer in New Haven, with his wife and two daughters, Miss Emeline Street, a student in Vassar College, and Miss Grace Street, together with Arthur Wallace, son of R. Wallace, a silver manufacturer in Wallingford, Conn., were the first cabin passengers. Traveling second class were Mrs. Rosa Silken, who perished; Natnan Dubin, a clothing manufacturer, of No. 252 Cedar street, New Haven; three Hebrew men, one of whom was lost, and an Italian.

From Capt. MacAllaster down to the humblest deckhand there was not one who shirked duty or showed a sign of cowardice, and that the work of rescue was carried on only by the light of the raging flames increased the praise.

Hendrickson, the assistant engineer, was on duty, and would not leave his post. Miller and Burke, firemen, stayed by him until they were cut off by the rapid spread of the fire and there was no help. All the others lost, if is believed, were suffocated in their berths, except the woman, who, dragged from danger by Sarah Smoot, a negro stewardess, returned to her room in an endeavor to save her jewels.

For himself Capt. MacAllaster told a modest story of the rescues from the burning boat, and gave great credit to the officers under him. They in turn praise the venerable skipper, who, nearly sixty-eight years old, has for twenty-three years been a master along the Atlantic coast.

Twenty-two survivors of the disaster, after passing through the horrors of a fight for life on the blazing steamer and a hardly less terrible experience in the bitter cold of the ice, were rescued.

This second steamboat tragedy of the year is unexplained. The cause will doubtless be brought to light in time, but no one at the time could solve the puzzle of the Glen Island's fate.

Captain and officers thought it was a defective electric wire. All agree, however, that this is mere conjecture, and think that the hull of the doomed steamer was a raging furnace of flames before the spreading smoke gave the alarm.

WRECKED PROFESSOR'S ROOM.

Students Did It After Complaining of Remarks Made by Him.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Officers of the College of St. Thomas, at Villa Nova, are investigating the actions of certain students who broke into the rooms of a professor, destroying his portrait and other property. The students are said to have been dissatisfied with remarks made by him.

The professor involved is John Reiner, and recently the students protested to President De Lurey concerning some of Reiner's utterances. The portrait of Professor Reiner, which hung in his room, was torn to shreds, and his books and furniture were damaged.

Steel Company Fails.

Judge Bradford in the United States District Court dismissed the involuntary petition of bankruptcy in the case of the Diamond State Steel Company. Later in the day James P. Winchester, President of the First National Bank of Wilmington, and Howard T. Wallace, the President of the Diamond State Steel Company, were appointed receivers.

Raisuli Raids Caravan.

Raisuli boldly entered Tangier and raided a caravan.

The Markets

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

MILK.			
The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 3¾c. per quart.			
BUTTER.			
Creamery—Western, extra.	$ 27	@	$ 27½
Firsts	24	@	26½
Seconds	20	@	23
State dairy tubs, firsts	22	@	24
Imitation creamery	15½	@	20
Factory, thirds to firsts	13	@	17
CHEESE.			
State, full cream, fancy	10½	@	11¾
Small	—	@	12
Part skims, good to prime	7¼	@	8
Part skims, common	—	@	6
Full skims	3½	@	4½
EGGS.			
Jersey—Fancy	38	@	40
State and Penn	38	@	40
Western—Choice	30	@	32
Southern—Choice	28	@	30
BEANS AND PEAS.			
Beans—Marrow, choice	2 70	@	2 72½
Medium, choice	1 90	@	1 92½
Pea, choice	1 72½	@	1 75
Red Kidney, choice	—	@	2 70
White Kidney	2 80	@	2 85
Yellow eye	—	@	2 15
Black turtle soup	—	@	3 10
Lima, Cal	—	@	3 00
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Apples, Baldwin, per bbl	1 50	@	2 50
King, per bbl	1 75	@	3 50
Ben Davis, per bbl	1 50	@	2 50
Greening, per bbl	1 50	@	3 00
Grapes, Concord, per b'sk't	8	@	11
Catawba, per basket	8	@	11
Cranberries, C. Cod, per bbl.	2 50	@	7 00
Jersey, per bbl	6 00	@	6 25
LIVE POULTRY.			
Fowls, per lb	10½	@	11½
Chickens, per lb	10	@	11
Roosters, per lb	—	@	8
Turkeys, per lb	12	@	13
Ducks, per pair	60	@	90
Geese, per pair	1 25	@	1 75
Pigeons, per pair	—	@	20
DRESSED POULTRY			
Turkeys, per lb	16	@	22
Broilers, Philadelphia	15	@	20
Fowls, Western, per lb	10½	@	11½
Spring ducks, per lb	12½	@	15
Spring geese, per lb	9	@	14
Squabs, per dozen	1 75	@	2 75
HOPS.			
State, 1904, choice, per lb	36	@	37
Good to prime, per lb	34	@	35
Common to fair	31	@	33
Pacific Coast, 1904, choice	34	@	35
Good to prime, per lb	31	@	32
Old odds	13	@	17
HAY AND STRAW.			
Hay, prime, per 100 lbs	—	@	85
No. 1, per 100 lb	80	@	82½
No. 2, per 100 lb	72½	@	75
Clover, mixed, per 100 lb.	62½	@	70
Straw, long rye	1 05	@	1 10
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes, Jersey, per bbl.	1 25	@	1 50
L. I., per 180 lbs	1 87	@	2 12
Sweets, per bbl	2 00	@	3 25
Turnips, per bbl	50	@	1 25
Tomatoes, per carrier	1 50	@	4 00
Egg plant, per box	1 50	@	3 00
Squash, per bbl	50	@	75
Peas, per basket	1 00	@	2 00
Lettuce, per basket	50	@	1 00
Lettuce, per basket	75	@	1 00
Cabbages, per ton	8 00	@	12 00
Cucumbers, per basket	1 50	@	2 50
String beans, per basket	1 00	@	3 00
Lima beans, per bag	1 00	@	2 50
Onions, Conn., Yel., per bbl	2 00	@	3 25
Red, per bbl	2 00	@	2 75
Orange Co., per bag	2 00	@	3 00
Celery, per dozen bunches	10	@	60
Cauliflower, per bbl	1 00	@	4 00
Brussels sprouts, per qt	4	@	10
Spinach, per bbl	75	@	1 00
Kale, per bbl	—	@	75
Beets, per 100 bunches	1 50	@	2 50
Carrots, per 100 bunches	2 00	@	3 50
Parsley, per 100 bunches	2 00	@	3 50
Watercress, per 100 bu'ches	1 00	@	2 00
SUNDRIES.			
Beeswax, per lb	28	@	28½
Maple sugar, per lb	8	@	10
Syrup, per gallon	65	@	75
Honey, clover, per lb	10	@	15
Buckwheat, per lb	10	@	11
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—Winter patents	5 50	@	5 85
Spring patents	5 90	@	6 25
Wheat, No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	1 21¼
No. 2 red	1 16⅝	@	1 17⅝
Corn, No. 2 white	—	@	53⅝
Oats, mixed	34½	@	35½
Clipped, white	37	@	39½
Lard, city	—	@	6¾
GAME.			
English snipe, per doz	2 00	@	2 50
Plover, per doz	1 50	@	2 75
Woodcock, per pair	1 00	@	1 25
Grouse	1 75	@	2 50
Ducks, canvas, per pair	1 00	@	2 50
Red head, per pair	1 00	@	1 50
Mallard, per pair	75	@	1 00
Teal, blue wing	40	@	60
Green wing	35	@	50
Rabbits, per pair	25	@	75
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, city dressed	7	@	9½
Calves, city dressed	10	@	13½
Country dressed	7	@	12
Sheep, per 100 lb	3 25	@	5 25
Lambs, per 100 lb	7 25	@	7 90
Hogs, live, per 100 lb	5 30	@	5 25
Country dressed, per lb	5	@	7

THE RECORD CORN CROP.

The Amount of Corn Raised in the Different States and Sections.

New York City.—Although new corn is on the market only a short time, the statistics for the crop of 1904 have been compiled. The total is 2,573,863,000 bushels, the largest ever grown. The crop in 1902 was almost as large. The difference is less than 20,000,000 bushels, or less than 1 per cent. The smallest crop in recent years was in 1901, when there was little more than half of the present crop.

Illinois raises the most corn—361,725,000 bushels. Iowa is a close second. Nebraska is third, and Texas, Indiana, Kansas and Missouri almost tie with about 150,000,000 bushels each. New York is one of the smallest corn-producing States in the North.

The Pacific Coast States raise little corn, and so do the States along the Canada border, although Minnesota is in the same class with Pennsylvania. While Illinois averages 37.5 bushels of corn per acre, Iowa 37.2 and Nebraska 34.8, New York averages only 30, and the whole South averages less than 20.

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KNIGHTSVILLE.

Scott Drake butchered last Saturday.

Whooping cough is raging around town.

Clem Bowman has purchased another horse.

A. M. Parks butchered a fine beef last Saturday.

A new hotel has started up in the upper end of town

Mats Harbaugh, of Calvin, passed through town on Saturday.

Samuel Thomas and family were guests of Wm. McNerland's on Sunday.

Hunting season went out last Thursday and some of the boys were sorry for it.

Our obliging merchant A. M. Parks is stocking his store with choice Xmas goods.

A sled load of youngsters from Knightsville attended meeting in Cole's valley Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mason Dunlap, of Cole's valley, spent a few days the first of the week in town at her father's.

Turkeys are very scarce and are commanding a high price. Any thing of a turkey will bring $1.50.

M. S. Bowman expects to erect a dwelling house in town in the spring on what is known as the Green lot.

Thomas Shope, of Trough Creek valley, passed through town on Saturday with a load of farm produce bound for the Saltillo market.

The grading of the Rocky Ridge Ridge railroad begins this week. Some of our young men expect to work on the same the balance of this winter.

Andy Stake during hunting season killed twenty-five squirrels, thirty-two rabbits, four pheasants and one wild turkey. Can any one beat that?

Scott M. Drake, one of Clay township's hustlers, passes through this place with his teams twice a week, as he is logging at the lower stave mill at Latta Grove.

Mrs. Margaret Querry, who fell and broke her collar bone a short time ago, is getting along nicely. She passed through town one day last week on her way to Saltillo.

The wild "varment" which has been heard occasionally in the woods south of town is now believed to be a panther. Its tracks in the snow last week proved conclusively that it is no catamount, being entirely too large.

Prof. Drake has returned from Erie and reports an unusually good time. The meeting was largely attended from Ohio and New York as well as our own state. It was considered the best State Grange meeting ever held in the state.

TROUGH CREEK.

About four inches of the beautiful fell Saturday.

The stave mill on O. M. Wright's land is still on a stand for want of water.

Glasgow & Wright are done shredding fodder except a lot at the McClain & Wagner stave mill.

A number of folks in the valley have considerable trouble to get sufficient water for their stock.

The first staves made at McClain & Wagner's mill are ready for shipping, the hauling having commenced last week.

N. Q. Wright and wife returned from Erie on Friday. We have not met them since their return but have no doubt they had a pleasant time.

Wm. Hazard's daughter who was down with typhoid fever, was considered recovered when the doctor ceased visiting her, but has taken a relapse and the doctor says she will have to go through another course of the disease.

Mrs. W. T. Boring returned home Sunday after spending ten days visiting friends in Johnstown and Mineral Point. She reports more snow over there but not so cold weather, the mercury only reaching five degrees below zero.

We are glad to note the improvement of Miss Mabel Swope. She has recovered enough to go to see the doctor instead of the doctor coming to see her, which is much cheaper providing her father don't charge her too high for hauling her.

There was some anxiety in our valley on account of a horse having been stolen out of the stable on the J. R. Gosnell farm on Saturday night. The horse belonged to Henry Chilcote who went to J. O. Smith's and telephoned all around. The horse was found in George Miller's lane about midnight Saturday night but up to this writing nothing is known who the thief was or where he got to.

CASSVILLE.

J. F. Park and wife spent some time last week at Raystown branch. Mr. Park captured two gray foxes, three coons and a number of rabbits.

A valuable horse was stolen from the barn of Henry Chilcote on Sunday evening. The thief, finding he was pursued, left the horse at Mr. Foster's, near Mapleton, and escaped.

Dr. W. W. Evans, presiding elder of Juniata district, was here on Friday and conducted quarterly conference. Those present were Amos Griffith, R. T. Baker, B. F. Mierly, Ephraim Dell, George Stever, Calvin Curfman, J. L. Houck, and J. O. Heaton.

Abram Horton is erecting a building at the terminus of the Rocky Ridge railroad for the men who are to work on the road. A number of our young men have been employed by Mr. Jacobs, the contractor. We suppose we shall soon hear the puff of the engine and roar of the cars.

Report of Cassville school. Whole number of pupils enrolled, 31; average attendance, males 13, females 15; per cent. of attendance, males 95, females 95; missing no time, males 9, females 6. Advanced grades, A class, have been reading Snowbound by Whittier, and take a deep interest in it. The members of B class are reading Stories of the Northwest and are delighted with the thrilling history of Lewis and Clark. Good progress is made in all the branches. J. A. Chilcote, teacher.

LATTA GROVE.

Saturday, December 17th, we had eight inches of snow.

D. H. Dell spent a few days recently with his brothers at Langdondale.

Wagner's lower stave mill has been running full time for several days past.

Washington Camp No. 662, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of this place, will hold a festival in their hall Saturday evening, December 31st. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

Local Institute Program.

Following is the program for the local institute to be held at Garfield schoolhouse, Friday evening and Saturday, December 30th and 31st: The educational meeting on Friday evening will consist of music by choir, male quartet, mixed quartet, recitations and an address by Supt. J. G. Dell.

Saturday, 9.30 a. m.—Music; devotional exercise conducted by Mr. Geo. Stever; recitation, Lola Chilcote; paper by Effie Dell; topic, "Culture That Counts," Geo. Hamilton, Jesse Chilcote and Prof. W. M. Heaton; music; paper, Gertrude Roland, topic, "If You were in My Place," Elba Coder, C. H. Drake and Miles Chilcote; music; paper, Odessa Pheasant; music; adjournment.

Saturday, 1.30 p. m.—Music; recitation, James Dell; paper, Bernice Houck; topic, "Good English or Slang Localisms," Homer Pheasant and Prof. M. B. Wright; solo, Chloe Chilcote; paper, Chalmer Wright; recitation, Carrie Smith; music; topic, "Literature as a Character Study," D. H. Dell, Mrs. S. V. Heaton, Prof. I. W. J. McClain and Coy Coder; mixed quartet; recitation, Myrtle Pheasant; paper, Carrie Swope; music; recitation, Lillian Smith; address, Supt. J. G. Dell; music; adjournment. J. O. Smith, chairman, and Louis Stever, secretary.

Millie Bowman, teacher.

Tip's Record as a Rabbit Dog.

Of his ancestors we know but little for Tip's eyes were first opened in Allegheny City, but those versed in the canine race says he belongs to the blue beagle family. Archie and Willis Dell are the two brothers who had the courage to open their scant purses and shuffle out the price for a long-legged, blue-beagle pup. The rabbit season of 1903 dawned upon Tip at the tender age of five months but it found him ready for the chase. He was soon known as a circler, no zigzag trailing with him. At the close of the season forty-five rabbits had raised the white flag for the last time, but time rolled on and the first day of November, 1904, found Tip standing twenty-one inches high, his weight was thirty-eight pounds, while his head and ears measured sixteen inches and his color was black, blue and tan. As to growth he had reached the grand goal of perfection and up goes his record for the bones of seventy-five rabbits lay bleaching and fading away on the shores of oriental time, while the two brothers say, "Dog gone your dog goned dogs, we would not give our dog for all your dog goned dogs. ***

School Report.

The third month of the Sherman school, Union township, closed Monday, December 19, 1904. Following is the report:

No. enrolled, males 13, females 13, total 26; average attendance, males 11, females 10, total 21; per cent. of attendance, males 85, females 76, total 80.

Names of pupils who missed no time are Mary Pheasant, Ada Pheasant, Edith Pheasant, Lennie Pheasant, Flora Miller, Harry Gifford, George Miller, Edward Miller, Earnest Miller and Ray Miller.

Visitors 3. Elba I. Coder, teacher.

A Costly Mistake.

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Letter from Kenmare, North Dakota.

EDITOR ITEM, Dear Sir:—True to my promise given to you while on my visit east I shall now endeavor to give you a short sketch on our western country. The city of Kenmare is located in northwestern North Dakota, five hundred eighteen miles from the twin cities, twenty-five miles from the Canadian line and about one hundred miles from Montana. It is situated on the Des Lacs lake which is a body of water some forty-five miles long, extending into Canada, and at Kenmare almost one-half mile wide. The "Soo" railroad goes through our town and a number of stage lines connect us with neighboring inland towns. Seven years ago Kenmare consisted of a station and section house. To-day we are fifteen hundred population with a twenty thousand dollar school house, a mill turning out two hundred and fifty barrels of flour a day, besides feed of all kinds, two very large hardware stores, two furniture stores, two clothing stores, eight general stores, three banks and about eight restaurants, three hotels and four drug stores. We have a number of machine shops and four livery and sale barns. The town is built in the "coulee," or what might be called a narrow valley in Pennsylvania. It extends back from the lake shore one-half mile. We have some of the finest dwelling houses that I have ever seen in any town, also a very creditable opera house.

This part of Dakota is one of the very best of grain regions. It is quite a sight to see the grain wagons in the fall. I know there have been days when I have seen from five hundred to a thousand teams in town, all hauling grain. The crops this year were very good. The rust struck the grain in some places, but this community fared very well as the yield was good. We have five elevators that do a big grain business and the mill buys a great quantity of grain. The principal crops are wheat, flax, oats, spelts and some barley. The flax is put in the new ground or "breaking" as it is called. The next crop is wheat or oats and so on.

Kenmare has the prospect of another railroad, in fact the material for such a road is here now. This will be a division end then and we hope for great things.

People talk about our cold climate. I have never suffered from cold in North Dakota as I have in our own state of Pennsylvania. The weather here this fall has been delightful. We have had no weather below zero, and very little snow. Our winters are long but one can dress for them. The cold lasts. It is not cold one day and warm the next as in the east.

I think I shall not write any more now, but if you wish me to do so I shall write you an article on "Lignite coal," which is mined here very extensively. Kindly let me know. I am

Very truly,
ANNA M. MILLER.

Kenmare, N. D., Dec. 5, 1904.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Wright & Dell's store.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 27, 1904.

	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly. Night	D'ly. A.M.	D ly. A.M.	D'lv. A. M	D'ly ex S. P.M.
New York:						
W. 23d St. Sta.	7 55	12 10	. . .	. . .	8 55	. .
Desb's St. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	. .
Cort'dtSt. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	. .
Philadelphia	11 40	4 25	7 10	. . .	11 40	5 30
Washington	10 40	. . .	7 50	. .	10 50	
Baltimore	11 55	4 44	8 55	. . .	12 00	

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Harrisburg	2 50	8 00	11 48	. .	3 10	5 00	10 35
Rockville	. .	8 12	11 59	.	. .	5 13	10 46
Marysville	f3 04	8 17	12 03	. .	. .	5 18	10 49
Duncannon	f3 18	8 35	12 16	. .	3 35	5 36	11 03
Newport	f3 40	9 05	12 37	. .	3 55	6 06	11 25
Millerst'wn	. .	9 14	f12 45	. .	. .	6 17	f11 34
Thom's't'n	. .	9 25	f12 53	. .	. .	6 28	f11 42
Port Royal	f4 13	9 43	1 07	. .	f4 22	6 47	f11 57
Mifflin	4 18	9 48	1 11	. .	4 27	6 52	12 01
Lewist'n Jc.	4 40	10 04	1 30	. .	4 46	7 17	12 22
McVeytown	f5 02	10 39	1 48	. .	f5 04	7 42	. .
N. Hamilt'n	f5 21	11 01	f2 04	. .	. .	8 03	. .
Mt. Union	f5 27	11 07	2 08	. .	5 25	8 10	. .
Mapleton	f5 33	11 13	f2 14	. .	. .	8 17	. .
Huntingdon	5 50	11 32	2 29	. .	5 45	8 35	. .
Petersburg	f6 07	11 47	2 43	. .	. .	8 50	. .
Birm'gham	f6 35	12 13	3 07	. .	H6 20	9 14	. .
Tyrone	6 42	12 20	3 12	. .	6 26	9 21	. .
Bellwood	7 07	12 41	3 29	. .	6 47	9 38	. .
Altoona	7 30	1 00	3 45	. .	7 05	9 55	. .
Pittsburg	12 10	5 50	8 45	. .	10 50	1 50	. .
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.

"J" stops on signal to discharge passengers from Harrisburg and east and south of Harrisburg.

"H" stops on signal to let off passengers from points east and south of Harrisburg, and receive passengers for Pittsburg and beyond.

Additional trains leave Harrisburg for Altoona and Pittsburg as follows: 1.35, 2.41, 11.45 a.m., 12.55, 2.53, 3.05, 7.20, 9.48, 11.05 and 11.50 p. m. daily.

	Week days. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly P.M.
Pittsburg	. .	3 00	3 00	8 00	. .	12 45	4 55
Altoona	5 00	6 25	7 05	11 43	1 50	5 55	9 05
Bellwood	f5 12	. .	7 20	m11 55	2 04	6 10	9 19
Tyrone	5 24	6 47	7 38	12 06	2 20	6 27	9 33
Birm'gham	f5 28	. .	7 43	g12 10	2 25	6 32	P9 38
Petersburg	f5 46	. .	8 07	. .	2 48	f6 56	. .
Huntingdon	5 57	7 17	8 20	12 37	3 02	7 10	10 12
Mapleton	f6 11	. .	8 36	. .	3 19	7 24	. .
Mt. Union	f6 17	. .	8 42	m12 56	3 26	7 29	f10 32
N. Hamilton	f6 22	. .	8 46	. .	3 32	7 34	. .
McVeytown	6 40	.	9 05	m1 16	3 53	f7 51	. .
Lewist'n Jc.	7 00	f8 05	9 27	1 35	4 17	8 10	11 16
Mifflin	7 22	. .	9 48	m1 52	4 41	8 30	f11 37
Port Royal	7 27	. .	9 52	. .	4 46	8 34	. .
Thom's't'n	7 42	. .	10 08	. .	5 04	f8 48	. .
Millerstown	7 51	. .	10 18	. .	5 15	f8 57	. .
Newport	8 00	. .	10 28	L2 24	5 25	9 05	. .
Duncannon	8 27	. .	10 52	L2 44	5 55	f9 29	. .
Marysville	8 44	. .	11 07	. .	6 15	f9 43	. .
Rockville	8 48	.	11 12	.	6 22	f9 48	. .
Harrisburg	9 00	9 30	11 25	3 10	6 35	10 00	1 00

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M,	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Baltimore	. .	12 15	3 11	6 00	9 48	2 20	. .
Washington	. .	1 20	4 40	7 15	. .	3 30	. .
Philadelphia	11 48	12 17	*3 17	6 23	10 47	4 23	4 23
New York:							
Desb's St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	7 13	7 13
Cort'dt St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	7 13	7 13
W. 23d St.	2 15	3 00	*6 00	9 40	. .	7 15	7 15
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.

Additional trains leave Pittsburg for Altoona, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia as follows: 3.35, 7.15 and 7.30 a. m., 12.01, 4.50, 7.10, 9.00 and 10 00 p. m. daily.

*Week days only. "g" stops to let off passengers from Pittsburg and beyond, and to take on passengers for Harrisburg and beyond. "f" stops only on signal, or notice to agent or conductor, to receive or discharge passengers.

"G" Passenger section will stop on signal to discharge or receive passengers Sunday only.

"m" passenger section will stop on signal to discharge or receive passengers.

"p" stops to discharge passengers from East Liberty, Pittsburg and beyond.

Connecting trains leave as follows:

At Lewistown Junction—For Sunbury 7.30 a. m. and 3.00 p. m. week days.

For McClure 7.30 a. m., 3.00 p. m week days.

For Milroy 7.40 a. m., 1.50 and 4 50 p. m. week days.

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SOUTH Expr's A M	Mail P M	STATIONS	NORTH Mail A M	Ex.Line P M
8 35	5 56	. Huntingdon .	11 10	5 15
8 45	6 05	McConnellstown	11 00	5 05
8 50	6 09	. . Grafton . .	10 56	5 00
8 55	6 14	. Brumbaugh .	10 51	4 55
8 59	6 18	. Marklesburg .	10 47	4 51
9 06	6 25	. . Entrikin . .	10 40	4 44
9 11	6 30	. . . Beaver . . .	10 35	4 39
9 16	6 35	. . . Cove . . .	10 30	4 34
9 27	6 46	. . . Saxton . . .	10 20	4 23
9 31	6 50	. . . Clark . . .	10 15	4 18
9 39	6 58	. Riddlesburg .	10 08	4 11
9 44	7 02	. . Hopewell . .	10 04	4 07
9 56	7 10	. . . Cypher . . .	9 56	3 59
10 07	7 19	. . Tatesville . .	9 46	3 50
10 17	7 27	. . Everett . .	9 38	3 43
10 20	7 30	. . Mt. Dallas . .	9 35	3 40
10 43	7 50	. . . Bedford . .	9 15	3 20
11 35	8 35	. . Hyndman . .	8 28	2 30
12 05	9 05	. Cumberland .	8 00	2 00

Sunday train leaves Huntiugdon at 8.35 a. m. and returning 5.30 p. m.

SHOUP'S BRANCH.

SOUTH Expr's A M	STATIONS	NORTH Expr's P M
9 35	. . . Saxton . . .	4 00
9 50	. . Coalmont . .	3 45
	. . . Crawford . . .	
10 05	. . . Dudley . . .	3 30

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Schedule in Effect June 27, 1904

SOUTHWARD	No. 2 a.m.	No. 4 p.m.	No. 6 a.m.	No. 8 a.m.
Mount Union . . . LEAVE	9 05	3 50	11 15	. .
Augh. Mills	9 22	4 08	11 32	. .
Shirley	9 35	4 20	11 45	. .
Orbisonia	9 50	4 35	12 00	. .
	10 00	4 45	1 40	5 30
Pogue	10 12	4 57	1 57	5 40
Three Springs	10 23	5 12	2 10	5 50
Saltillo	10 30	5 25	2 20	5 58
Cole's	11 03	5 58	2 50	6 30
Rocky Ridge	11 08	6 03	2 55	6 35
Cook's	11 18	6 13	3 05	6 45
Robertsdale	11 30	6 25	3 15	6 55
Woodvale . . . ARRIVE	. . .	. .	. .	7.00
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.
NORTHWARD	No. 1	No. 3	No. 5	No. 7
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Woodvale . . . LEAVE	. .	. .	. .	4 25
Robertsdale	6 05	12 45	8 20	4 30
Cook's	6 15	12 55	8 30	4 40
Rocky Ridge	6 25	1 03	8 38	4 48
Cole's	6 30	1 09	8 43	4 55
Saltillo	7 00	1 38	9 12	5 25
Three Springs	7 08	1 45	9 20	5 32
Pogue	7 20	1 57	†9 32	5 42
Orbisonia	7 35	2 15	9 50	5 55
	7 45	2 20	10 00	. .
Shirley	8 00	2 35	10 15	. .
Augh. Mills	8 10	2 45	†10 25	. .
Mount Union . . ARRIVE	8 30	3 05	10 45	. .
	a.m.	p.m	a.m.	p.m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

SOUTWARD No. 12 p.m.	No. 10 a.m.	STATIONS	NORTHWARD No. 9, a.m.	No. 11 p.m
4 50	8 45	Lv . . Orbisonia . .	Ar 9 45	5 45
4 58	8 52	. *Blacklog .	9 38	5 38
5 06	9 00	. *Cedar Rock .	9 30	5 30
5 09	9 03	. *Locke Valley.	9 27	5 27
5 15	9 10	Ar . Shade Gap .	Lv 9 20	5 20
p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m

All trains run daily except Sunday.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Dec. 25: "An Offering to Christ"—Mark xiv, 3-9.

By REV. WALTER J. YATES, Ph. D.

The lesson of the week does not present the story of the birth of Jesus, as is usually done at this season, but calls attention to the gift which a woman made to Him a few days previous to His death. This lesson is specially appropriate at this time, when all are making presents to friends. It calls to mind the significance of the Christmas festival and emphasizes the best manner in which it may be observed.

There is danger that in the excitement and pleasure of gift making and receiving the greatest and best possible gift be neglected if not entirely forgotten. The coming of Jesus Christ to the earth is the one event in human history which has greater value to the race than any other event which ever occurred. He was the gift of God to mankind. All human life acquires deeper meaning and holds higher possibilities, because He came to earth and lived the life of a man under the conditions in which we are placed. No possession of health, wealth, genius or anything which is of value to us in this world is comparable in worth to us with the personal interest and fellowship of Jesus Christ. The gift of Himself to be one with us forever, bearing our nature and leading us into all the fullness possible to human beings, is what makes Christmas the greatest festival of all the ages and the one in whose celebration every person has equal interest.

If He has so loved us as to give Himself for us and to us, every sentiment of gratitude prompts us to wish to express our thanks to God for His unspeakable gift. How shall we do this in the most appropriate manner and so as to best please Him is a question which may well have very careful consideration.

Mark gives a vivid picture of a woman who expressed her gratitude in a manner which could not be misunderstood. She had understood the words of Jesus as no other of His friends seem to have done. She believed that He was soon to die. He had said so plainly, but no other person seems to have taken His statement as she did. The shadow of the coming sorrow filled her with a passion of grief and loving desire to show her regard to Him. She does not appear to have much considered what others thought. He was to leave them soon. She knew the meaning of death, for but a little while before her own brother Lazarus had been sick and died. He was now living and at the table with Jesus, who had raised him from death. And this Jesus who could raise the dead was Himself to die! She had sat at His feet and talked with Him of these mysteries when others had been so busy with getting things to eat that they had been impatient with her for not helping them. Her heart was full. She poured out all her soul as she emptied the cruse of costly ointment on His head. He understood the whole. It was the prodigality of love, the passionate abandon of great affection. He who can call such use a waste has not only lost all sense of values, but under cloak of love for the poor conceals his own thievish preference of himself above his regard for his Lord.

John says that the odor of the ointment filled all the house. Her act filled Judas and others with indignation that they had lost so much. The ages have been filled with gladness that the Master commended her act and recognized the value of the heart gift.

Let us not stint our gifts to Him. He gave all He had to us. Let us give all heart love and every power of being to Him. Pour out the ointment of all precious things until the world is filled with the perfume of the offering and men praise Him for His grace.

The Gate of Prayer.

In the midst of the splendors of royalty, when men of the highest rank are admitted to the king's presence only at the king's pleasure, the children of the king's household always have free access. No court rules shut them away or prescribe any ceremonious manner in which they may approach the throne. The king is their father. To be a child of God is to have assurance of access to Him at all times. This golden gate of prayer, "Our Father," opens into the innermost sanctuary, into the very secret place of the Most High, and it is shut neither day nor night to any child of God.—J. R. Miller in "The Golden Gate of Prayer."

Would Wear Her Pin at Any Cost.

Some time ago the president of the Christian Endeavor society in Holguin, Cuba, sailed for New York to join her husband. A young man on the boat told her that she had better take off her Christian Endeavor pin or some one might burn the boat because there was a Protestant on board. She replied, "That would be the same as denying my Saviour." And she would not remove it, though, for all she knew, the boat might be burned.—Clotilde Bretlow in Christian Endeavor World.

Endeavor In the Isle of Man.

There are now fifteen Christian Endeavor societies and six Junior Endeavor societies on the Isle of Man, with a total membership of 676.

William Reed & Sons

The Last Busy Days For Christmas Shopping

WILL BE BUSY ONES.

Prices grow more interesting every day. The 5 cent, 10 cent, 15 cent, 20 cent, 25 cent, 50 cent, 75 cent and $1.00 counters grow richer every day. If a thing does not sell at one price down it goes to a lower price. These things are fine but we have too many and they must go. This last week will be an interesting one at this big store. We have plenty of help and will do our best by you. Be a little patient, please.

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To make up your mind if you come here, as this store fairly teems with givables of the better sort—things you would buy for yourself, and at low prices.

YOU KNOW THE USEFUL THINGS

We always have. We can only say that all lines are better and stronger than ever. The things we sell are dependable and they cost no more than what you pay where merit is questionable.

FURS ARE FINE FOR GIVING

Our line meets every requirement and prices are right, ranging from 75 cts. to $50. A special lot of beautiful sets (boa and muff) for children have just come in.

All the better Coats have been reduced for Christmas selling. Coats from $10 to $20 are now selling at prices about one-fourth off. Every garment is new and beautiful. Too many. You profit.

Between Christmas and New Year's we will have special offerings of desirable merchandise—Coats, Waists, Suits, Skirts, Rain Coats, etc., at special reduced prices. It will be a good time to shop, for your money will go further than usual just when you need these goods.

Store open this week till ten at night. The store will be closed all day December 26th, Christmas. Beginning December 27th, the store will close evenings except Saturday at 6 o'clock. Do not forget this, but come during the day.

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We thank you for your patronage and solicit a continuance of the same.

Very respectfully,

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August 10, 1903.

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Three-seated hand made Spring Wagons, with top and brake, at $85.00; regular price $110.

I have contracted for 200 tons of Phosphate for fall, which I will sell so low as to leave competition out of the question.

A big stock of Bran, Chop, Corn, Salt, etc., in my warerooms all the time at lowest prices.

I have anything you need to eat, wear, feed or use and can save you 15 to 40 per cent.

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Only the best flour and materials are used, and it is

Absolutely Pure,

mixed (like all other bread) by the latest improved mixing machines, which guarantee perfect cleanliness, and baked by only skillful bakers in our modern bake shop. If you have not tried it, ask your grocer or stop our wagons which are on the streets all day.

We will also bake our usual line of Bread and Rolls which it has always been our aim to have pure, clean and wholesome.

As to cakes, would say they are made by skilled bakers, and only fresh country butter and eggs are used.

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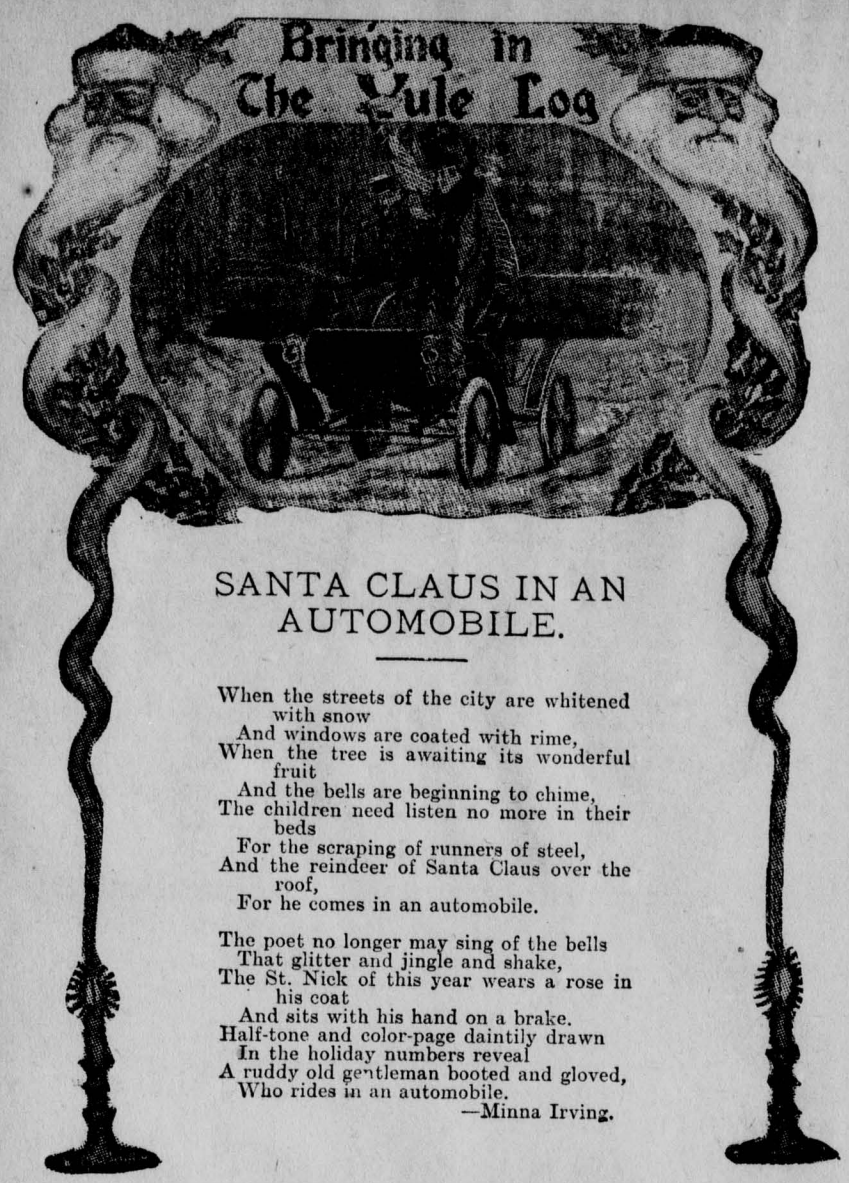

SANTA CLAUS IN AN AUTOMOBILE.

When the streets of the city are whitened
with snow
And windows are coated with rime,
When the tree is awaiting its wonderful
fruit
And the bells are beginning to chime,
The children need listen no more in their
beds
For the scraping of runners of steel,
And the reindeer of Santa Claus over the
roof,
For he comes in an automobile.

The poet no longer may sing of the bells
That glitter and jingle and shake,
The St. Nick of this year wears a rose in
his coat
And sits with his hand on a brake.
Half-tone and color-page daintily drawn
In the holiday numbers reveal
A ruddy old gentleman booted and gloved,
Who rides in an automobile.

—Minna Irving.

A Christmas Dream

By TOM MASSON

I VE been wanting," said Wiggton, "to have a good old-fashioned Christmas for years—a Christmas such as I used to have when I was a boy—and this year I am going to have it. I'm going to open up the old homestead up in Hillville. Martha, the cook we had when I was a boy, will cook for us. Everything's planned—tickets bought. Come, my dear, what do you say?" Mrs. Wiggton looked at her husband aghast.

"I don't seem to have anything to say," she observed, "if you have made all the preparations. When do we start?"

"To-morrow," said Wiggton. "Back to the old homestead. How I have looked forward to it! We'll have something decent to eat at last. How tired I am of this modern cooking!"

The next day, when they arrived at the little New England village where the Wiggton homestead reared its dingy colonial frame to the sky, Martha was on hand to greet them.

"To-morrow will be Christmas, Martha," said Wiggton, after the compliments of the season had been passed, and I want a genuine old-fashioned Christmas, such as I look backward upon with such fond recollections."

"MARTHA WAS ON HAND TO GREET THEM."

Martha, with a glow of pride in her honest face, nodded assent

"I guess I know, John," she said, calling Wiggton by his first name "'N you'll have it if I kin give it to yew."

Mrs. Wiggton sat silent, with a novel she had brought to read. Being from the city, having married John after he had gone away from home, she was temporarily out of it, and merely an object of curiosity.

"What's the matter with this base burner?" said Wiggton, examining the ancient heater with its isinglass windows. "It doesn't seem to heat up the way it used to. And the blamed thing throws out enough coal gas to run a gashouse with."

Martha came in and gave it a shake down.

"I guess it's all right," she said. "Haint ben used fer some time, but it never did burn the way it ought to."

The next day, when Wiggton and his wife at last sat down to their Christmas dinner, that enthusiastic gentleman rubbed his hands in glee.

"Now," he said, "we're in for it. "Here comes the turkey. Hooray!"

Martha brought it in on a platter. She followed with chicken pie, boiled

"I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE."

turnips, cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes.

"Isn't this great?" said Wiggton, plunging his fork into the turkey's breast bone. "Martha, where did this turkey come from?"

"Sam Tucker's," said Martha. "Sam's done well this year with his turkeys."

"That must be a local turkey," ventured Mrs. Wiggton, watching her husband's desperate efforts to carve.

"It does seem a little tough," said Wiggton. "Never mind; we know where it comes from. These city turkeys—what do you know about 'em, anyway?"

"A GOOD SQUARE MEAL."

"Martha," said Mrs. Wiggton, as she helped herself, "is evidently not a waitress."

"Sh," warned Wiggton. "She might hear you. A waitress! Well, I should say not. Martha comes from one of the oldest families here. And by the way, my dear, try and unbend, won't you? Martha's sensitive, and might feel it."

The first course of dishes, which had been arranged by Martha on the table in that same spirit that she displayed when conveying sundry pieces of wood from the wood pile, were now removed and the second course came on.

"Now," exclaimed Wiggton, "we'll have the real thing. That turkey was a slight disappointment, I'll admit."

"Hope you're enjoying yourselves?" said Martha, as she dumped the dishes down in front of Wiggton.

"Very nice," said Mrs. Wiggton, with a reception smile.

"Fine," said Wiggton, his eyes glistening with anticipation. "Any coffee, Martha?"

She brought in the old-fashioned coffee pot—the only object that Mrs. Wiggton took any interest in—and sat it down in front of him.

"And now," said Wiggton, "we're off."

A silence ensued. A silence broken only by monosyllabic observations on the part of each diner, with Martha hovering near.

Finally, by simultaneous impulse, they both arose and made their way into the little front parlor.

Wiggton, taking from his pocket a large perfecto, put one foot on the haircloth sofa, and ere he struck the match, turned to his wife:

"My dear," he observed, "I have a confession to make. That was the toughest turkey, the soggiest pumpkin pie, the most abominable coffee, to say nothing of those fierce and indigestible doughnuts, that I have tasted for years. And now I'm going to find out about the next train back. I want to get home as soon as possible and have a good, square meal."—New York Mail and Express.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

In England, where we derive our Christmas customs, the turkey is not, as in this country, a "must-have" for a Christmas feast. The roast beef of old England, with its regulation accompaniment of Yorkshire pudding, flanked by a savory roast goose, is the crowning dish of the event. Occasionally one finds in an American family of English extraction the old customs live on, and a menu is served that is reminiscent of old-time entertainment. An English dinner is undeniably good, and if one longs for a change from turkey and pumpkin pie, an Americanized English menu will not be disappointing. Following is a typical dinner of this order:

Consomme
Olives
Fried smelts
Roast beef
Mashed potatoes
Roast goose
Lettuce salad
Wafers
Cafe noir.

Bread sticks
Salted almonds
Shrimp sauce
Yorkshire pudding
Celery
Apple sauce
Plum puddings
Cheese

—Good Housekeeping.

Glad Tidings.

Floating on the winter air,
Ne'er was sweeter music heard;
List the chimes the soft winds bear—
Promised in His holy word,
"Glory to God in the highest, we sing,
This is the birthday of Bethlehem's King!"

Nearer and nearer it sounds—
Carols of children at dawn,
Tell to the earth's farthest bounds,
"Christ, our Redeemer, is born!
Glory to God in the highest, alway!
A savior is born? This is Christmas Day!"

With light the East is all aglow;
Hark! the bells ring sweet and clear;
Hear them acho 'cross the snow—
Christmas morn at last is here!
Shout the glad tidings, our Saviour was born,
Centuries since, upon Christmas morn.

Again the bells "Glory" repeat,
Echo takes up the refrain;
It joins in the music sweet,
Sounding "Glory" o'er hill and plain;
"Glory to God in the highest, this morn,
For Bethlehem's King on this day was born!"

—Lilla N. Cushman.

A Dream.

If every day were Christmas!
With joy the sentence thrills.
The offices would all stay shut
And we needn't pay our bills.

Christmas Night --- Tired Out.

The yule logs burn to an ashen char;
The joys of the day assemble,
Like beams that cling to a dying star,
While a wooden soldier dreams of war
On a Christmas bough a-tremble.

The last little bear in the picture book
His tale in the wood has spoken;
And tired eyes close on a last fond look
At the sweets and toys in niche and nook,
Scattered and bent and broken.

Regained Health in Long Drive.

Determined to improve his wife's health by plenty of pure air and out of door life, B. A. Richardson, who has just arrived at Belle Plaine, succeeded in accomplishing his mission in a novel and unique manner.

The family had been in the State of Washington for some time, and, longing to get back to Iowa, they started with a horse and wagon from Spokane July 22, drove all the way to Belle Plaine, got home in time to start at once for Evanston to spend Thanksgiving, and Mrs. Richardson has fully recovered her lost health, thanks to the long and extended wagon ride. The distance traversed is nearly 2500 miles.

The health of Mrs. Richardson began to improve as soon as the family had been on the trip two weeks, and to-day she is enjoying the health of her girlhood, the best of her life.—Eldorado Correspondence, Des Moines Register and Leader.

Two French Duels.

The recent affray in the French Chamber, in which the Minister of War was assaulted by M. Syveton, was the cause of two duels in Paris, one between M. Syveton and Capt. De Gail, who espoused Gen. Andre's cause, the other between the Minister's son, Lieut. Andre, and Count de la Rochethulon. In the former pistols were the weapons employed; in the latter swords.

Excepting a slight scratch on the hand sustained by Lieut. Andre, who is a very indifferent swordsman, both duels terminated innocuously.

Gen. Andre, with Mme. Andre and a few friends, were in the neighborhood of the spot when their son was fighting.—London Mail.

Robins That Went Fishing.

An extraordinary incident was witnessed recently by a sportsman at Bicester. Noting a party of five robins foraging about among the pebbles in the bed of a small stream, from which they constantly flew onto a neighboring wall carrying some live object in their beaks, he followed a bird to its perch Kicking about on the top of the wall he found a small stickleback. Retiring a few yards he then kept watch, and found that the birds captured their prey and held it crosswise after the fashion of a kingfisher. But they made no attempt to kill their victims before eating them, as the kingfisher does.—London Daily Mail.

An Electric Bank.

Electricity has been put to many uses for children's toys in past seasons, but the novelty among the Christmas gifts for boys and girls this year is an electric bank. This can only be opened by means of an electric current introduced into the mechanism by means of a wire and plug leading from the ordinary electric light. With the plug and wire in possession of his parents the average small boy, ingenious as he is, finds it impossible to extract any of the coins he has deposited in the bank.—New York Press.

Knew His Limitations.

An applicant for a position on the detective force was being examined.

"Here," said the inspector, handing him a garment, "find the pocket in that."

It was a woman's skirt, and the applicant was shrewd enough to realize that fate was against him, and at once gave it up. The inspector was much impressed by his cleverness.

"If you're sharp enough," he said, "to know that it's no use to look for it, you're sharp enough to make a detective."—Puck.

Traced by the impression of his teeth left in a half eaten apple in a house at Basle, Switzerland, a burglar confessed to breaking into the building.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surface Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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Sold by druggists, price, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation

Taught by Experience.

"My experience with signs," says Farmer Singletree, "is that in gen'ral they're either misleadin' er superflu's. When I was to the exposition I see signs readin', 'Look out for pickpockets.' After a few days' truck with 'em I came to the conclusion that they was fully able to look out for themselves."—Cleveland Leader.

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A Swiss clockmaker has devised a watch which calls out the hours by means of a minute phonographic attachment.

HOPE FOR THE SICK.

MRS. HENRIETTA MARSH.

A VICTIM OF LA GRIPPE.

Mrs. Henrietta A. S. Marsh, 769 W. 16th St., Los Angeles, Cal., President Woman's Benevolent Ass'n, writes:

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In a letter dated August 31, 1904, Mrs. Marsh says: "I have never yet heard the efficacy of Peruna questioned. We still use it. I traveled through Kentucky and Tennessee three years ago, where I found Peruna doing its good work. Much of it is being used here also."—Henrietta A. S. Marsh.

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SECOND.—The great volume of unsolicited and grateful testimonials on file at the Pinkham laboratory at Lynn, Mass., many of which are from time to time published by permission, give absolute evidence of the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Mrs. Pinkham's advice.

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Left a Letter on the Desk.

Our little youngster, six years old, has just reached the "learning-to-write" stage in school. Sometimes his teacher has the children copy moral precepts from the blackboard into their copy-books. Among these was the statement: "Kind words are never lost." In Freddy's book, however, written clear across the paper to the other margin, this appeared: "Kind words are never los." When he was asked, "Where is the T, Freddy?" he replied, "Oh, there was no room on the paper for the T, so I left it on the desk. You can see it there if you go to the school."

The same youngster has a sister who was married recently. Being on a visit to her parents, and happening to catch Freddy in some mischief, his sister reproved him. "Umph!" sniffed Freddy, "you needn't scold me! You d[illegible] long in my family, anyway."

Old Forks.

A London jeweler has made a collection of ancient forks used in England which show some little known facts about the table manners of a few centuries ago. The forks, which are of solid silver, date from the sixteenth century. In many cases the designs in all this time have scarcely varied in any detail, and the forks look like those which might be bought to-day. The old forks were a great luxury in their time and were only used by the aristocracy.

Too Much For Him.

A bachelor one day set the table in his lonely abode with plates for himself and an imaginary wife and five children. He then sat down to dine, and as he helped himself to food he put the same quantity on each of the other plates and surveyed the prospect, at the same time computing the cost. He is still a bachelor.

PORT ARTHUR GUN SWEPT

The Entire Harbor Cleaned of Shipping by Metre Hill Fire.

BATTLESHIP SEVASTOPOL SUNK

Little Action in the North—General Kaulbars Joins General Kuropatkin in Council of War—Eight Russians Escape From Port Arthur to Chefoo Where They Arrived Nearly Frozen.

Tokio, Japan.—The Third Army headquarters confirmed the report that the battleship Sevastopol was down both at the bow and the stern, and to all appearances was damaged beyond repair. The warship was on the westerly side of the Tiger's Tail cliffs, where the water is shallow. One of her funnels has been blown to pieces. The harbor ironclad Otvashni is sunk by the stern, and an army transport which was in the inner bay near the Sevastopol is no longer visible. There is now no warship afloat in Port Arthur Harbor except the torpedo boat destroyers, which are hidden in one of the necks of the Tiger's peninsula.

Additional naval guns have been landed at Pigeon Bay and drawn to the peaks of the chain of table lands called 203-Metre Hill. They have been bombarding the new town of Port Arthur, and the remaining Government buildings were in flames. When this work has been accomplished the guns will be turned on the Russian fortifications built on the crests south of Ruling and Kekwan mountains, the last remaining defenses north of Port Arthur proper. A supplementary report of the Japanese Third Army announces the total losses in the month of November at 14,262, of which the dead number 3711.

Mukden.—Before dawn the Japanese centre east of the railroad and south of the Sha River began a general artillery fire on the Russian defenses to the north. At 8 o'clock in the morning the engagement was general on a line three miles wide, but little damage was done. The Japanese centre has been quiet for thirty-six days and just the purpose of the artillery fire was unknown. No movement was made by the enemy's infantry and the Japanese left army did not leave its entrenchments west of the Great Mandarin road.

General Kaulbars, commander of the Third Army, arrived from Harbin and was received by Generals Sakharoff and Bildering with a guard of honor, headed by music. The General then continued his journey to Chansiatun, where he had a conference with General Kuropatkin. There was an unconfirmed report that a column of the Japanese left army with some guns has made the neighborhood of Simintin, about thirty miles west of Mukden. All the wells are frozen up, and it is necessary for the commanders of both armies to obtain their supply of water from the Hun and Sha rivers.

Chefoo.—Eight Russians arrived in a sailboat from Port Arthur. They were nearly frozen when they made this port. While they came in plain clothes, it is understood that they are officers of high rank from the warships, who are to make their way to some point and meet the Baltic fleet. They carried dispatches for the Czar. They declined to say anything beyond announcing that in the last two weeks three steamers, with ammunition and provisions, had run the blockade of Port Arthur.

MIRSKY FORBIDS A DEBATE.

St. Petersburg City Councillors Denounce the Interior Minister.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—An adjourned meeting of the St. Petersburg City Council was held for the purpose of discussing the advisability of indorsing the demand of the Moscow Municipality for constitutional reforms.

The President of the Council announced that, owing to unforeseen circumstances which he could not disclose, the debate could not proceed.

The announcement occasioned a noisy scene. Many councillors angrily protested and left the chamber.

Later they held a private meeting at which Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky was denounced for prohibiting the debate.

GIVES $100,000 TO COLLEGE.

Donation by Ralph Voorhees of New Jersey to Tennessee Institution.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Maryville (Tenn.) College has received a donation of $100,000 from the blind philanthropist, Ralph Voorhees, of New Jersey.

Dr. Samuel T. Wilson, President of the college, received the check, but kept the donation a secret until chapel exercises.

Fifteen thousands dollars are to be spent in building a chapel and assembly hall, and $85,000 will go into the endowment fund.

TO RUSH WORK ON ST. MARK'S.

Italian Government Orders Immediate Repairs to Venice Church.

Rome, Italy.—The Government has ordered the immediate execution of those repairs to St. Mark's at Venice which are of an urgent character.

The Government directs that everything necessary be done to prevent any damage to the Basilica.

KILLED ON BATTLESHIP

United States War Vessel Massachusetts Sustains Injuries.

Three Steamfitters Instantly Killed by Explosion and Four Others Were Severely Injured—Heroism of Officer.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A terrific explosion on the battleship Massachusetts at League Island Navy Yard caused the instant death of three men, whose bodies were fearfully mangled, fatal injuries to a fourth and severe scalds to three others. One of the injured men, the chief engineer of the vessel, was injured in an attempt to save the lives of the victims, who were imprisoned in the engine room, where the explosion took place. The explosion closed the automatic doors, making escape impossible.

The dead are Edward J. Bubb, No. 2654 Beech street; Andrew Hamilton, of No. 1531 East Hewson street; Chas. Ripzel, of No. 527 West Second street, Chester, all boilermakers. The clothing of all the men was torn from them and they were scalded by steam and hot water.

Lieutenant W. C. Cole, U. S. N., chief engineer of the battleship, scalded about the arms and body and severely cut and bruised, was sent to the naval hospital.

The men were employed by a steam fitter, who was installing a new boiler in the Massachusetts. The work was practically completed, and a force of five men were putting the finishing touches to the job. They were working on what is known as boiler C, on the starboard side of the big battleship, and had placed the cover on the manhole. They were screwing the lid into position, when the gasket, or washer, gave way. There was a terrific explosion, which resounded throughout the entire yard and caused the great ship to quiver.

In an instant the boiler room filled with steam, and the hot water from the boiler poured out in torrents. Those who were able dashed for the doors, but, to their dismay, found egress closed, as the force of the explosion had blown the automatic doors so tightly into their sockets that it was impossible to move them.

Lieutenant Cole, as chief engineer of the Massachusetts, had supervision of the work. He was standing near the boiler room when the accident occurred. He sprang for the doors, and found them securely wedged. Knowing the peril of those within, the lieutenant enlisted the aid of those nearest him, and forced an entrance. He found himself confronted by a scalding cloud of steam, and in the darkness struck his head against the iron walls of the compartment. He finally stumbled over the body of one of the victims, and it was dragged out.

Any further attempt at rescue was halted by the flood of water, so the order was given to turn a stream of cold water into the boiler room. When the temperature had been reduced to a safe degree a rescue party carried out the remaining dead and injured.

The ship itself sustained no damage beyond the broken gasket.

Commandant Dickens at once ordered an inquiry to be set on foot to determine the responsibility for the gasket's breaking.

HE TRADED OFF HIS WIFE.

She Wouldn't Go—Husband in Jail, Other Man in Peril.

Middlesborough, Ky.—Joseph Beasley, living not far from Roxbury, tired of his wife and traded her off to John Samuels, a neighbor, for an accordeon.

Mrs. Beasley refused to acquiesce and Samuels tied her hands and feet, put her into his wagon, and took her home. Mrs. Beasley escaped and swore out a warrant for both men. Beasley was found playing his musical instrument, but threw it aside to fight the officers.

Samuels says he will sue Beasley. Mrs. Beasley is now in charge of the Beasley home and Beasley is in jail as he cannot pay a fine for desertion. Samuels is charged with assault.

The accordeon was worth perhaps seventy-five cents.

GRIGGS' DAUGHTER ROBBED.

Returns From City to Find Wedding Gifts Worth $1000 Gone.

Paterson, N. J.—Mrs. Lelia Huntoon, daughter of former Attorney-General John W. Griggs, spent the day in New York City shopping.

When she returned home in the evening she found that burglars had broken into her home and carried off silverware worth about $1000. Most of the articles taken were wedding gifts.

Mr. Huntoon was absent from the city on business, thus leaving the house alone.

STEAMER BUCKINGHAM LOST.

Schooners Sent to Carry Crew and Passengers to Colon.

Colon.—The British steamer Buckingham, from Baltimore, having on board a cargo for the United Fruit Company at Bocas del Toro, Panama, struck on Roncador Bank at 3 a. m. and is a total wreck.

For Central's New Terminal.

The New York Central Railroad bought the Grand Central Palace and another block in New York City for its new terminal, paying $2,500,000. The amusement hall, second largest in the city, will be torn down.

The invasion of Tibet by a British force was a "mission." The army of 2500 men now being sent into the Nyam-Nyam country, Central Africa, is officially a "patrol."

The dentists of the United States, it is said, annually put $2,000,000 worth of gold into the teeth of the people.

Women have been doing some of the scene painting at the Imperial Theatre, London, lately. N. Y.—52

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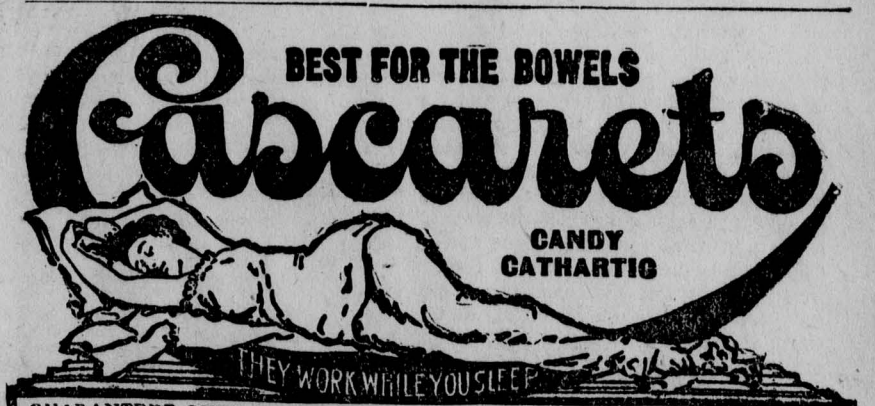

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 25.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

Topic.—The light of the world.—Isa. ix, 2-7.

Sir Edwin Arnold in his "Light of Asia" presents Buddhism as the light of the orient, but Christ, the author and finisher of the Christian faith, is proclaimed in the Scriptures to be the light of the world. Even in the Old Testament Scriptures, when Christ is especially spoken of as the Messiah who was to come to Israel, the chosen people of God, there are many indications that, while He was to come first of all to His own people, yet His mission was not to be limited by the boundaries of one race, but was through them to extend to every nation, people, kindred and tongue upon the face of the earth. Thus Isaiah testifies when he declares that "the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." The greatest of the Hebrew prophets thus recognizes the fact that, while the child was to be born unto Israel, yet His light was to shine throughout the world.

It is in the New Testament, however, that the doctrine of Christ as the light of the world is fully developed and the work of spreading the light worldwide is begun. Christ came and sent His disciples first to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel," and yet He positively declared, "I am the light of the world," and again in the parable of the sower, "The field is the world." And in a most mysterious way God opened up the way for the Messiah of Israel to become the light of the world. Israel rejected the Messiah, and then He was presented to the world! A mysterious way, and yet God's way, and one that will work together with the end attained for good. Israel will return, and then not only she, but the rest of the world, will be saved with her, and with her enlarged vision, through Christ, bigotry and prejudice will have passed away, and she will rejoice with heaven over the lost gentiles even that were found and saved through Israel's Messiah.

The light of the world has come, but the knowledge of the light has not yet been spread throughout the world. This has been the work of Christ's church from the beginning. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gsopel to every creature," was Christ's command to His church as embodied in the apostles and early disciples. They responded with zeal and energy and became light bearers to the world. They lifted up Christ and His cross, and before the first Christian century had passed away the Roman world had heard of Christ, had seen the light, and thousands of souls had been saved in Him. But there are still those who sit in moral and spiritual darkness, and who are dead in trespasses and in sins, and who therefore need Christ, the light. If we have seen the light, are we doing our part in spreading it abroad? If at this Christmas season we appreciate the blessings that we enjoy, let us consecrate ourselves to more determined efforts to set Christ, the light of the world, before all the peoples of the world.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. xxvii, 1; xxxvi, 9; xcvii, 11, 12; cxix, 105; Isa. lx, 1; Matt. v, 14-16; John i, 1-12; viii, 12; ix, 5; xii, 35, 36.

A Sunshine Message.

The following poem was given to Dr. Clark by the sunshine committee of the Norwood Congregational church, Liverpool, as he entered the pulpit of this church on a recent Sunday evening. It is the custom of this committee thus graciously to greet visiting ministers with a sunshine message, a custom that might well be adopted everywhere:

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matt. xxv, 40.

It is a fair tradition, one of old,
That at the gate of heaven called Beautiful
The souls of those to whom we ministered
On earth shall greet us as we enter in
With grateful records of those lowly deeds
Of Christian charity wherewith frail man
Proffers his humble loan unto his Lord.
May we not so believe, since He hath said,
That inasmuch as it was done to one
Of those His little ones 'twas done to Him?
Oh, think, if this be true, how many eyes
Whose weeping thou hast stilled shall glisten there!
How many hearts whose burden thou hast shared
And heavy feet whose steps were turned by thee
Back to their homes, elastic through the joy
Of new found hope and sympathy and love,
Shall welcome thee within the gates of bliss,
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